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CLASSIFICATION NO.

100-56539

Serials

Volume Number

(Title) GWENDOLYN BENNETT

(File No) 100-56529

1. 5 photos with neg of subj. GWENDOLYN BENNETT. Copies from pictures appearing in the D.W.
 2. Photo of subj taken with 4 other ind.
 3. 1 photo and neg. of subj made from group photo 1A2.
 4. 2/16/55 6 photos and 1 neg of subj.
 5. 2/16/55 6 photos and 1 neg, full face smiling.
 6. 14/18/56 2 gray photos which include Gwendolyn Bennett with 1 neg.
- NOTE: above retypes from envelope dated 4/7/52 and 7/15/55.

Disposition:

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Date Received... 7/17/53.....
From Photo Lab
.....
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA Mathias F. Eric.....
To Be Returned... Yes () No (☒)

File Number 100-56529-1A.....

Description: 1 photo & negative of subject
made from group photo 1A2



Date Received... 4/21/74
From ... Daily Worker
.....
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA J.J. Manning

To Be Returned... Yes () No (☒)

File Number 100-56529-1A1

Description: 4 Photos & 2 negatives of
Gwendolyn Bennett



JUN 9 1954

Date Received.....

From [redacted]

(name & address of contributor)

by Name of SA *Du Pichet*

to Be Returned... Yes () No ()

File Number *100-56529-7a4x1a5-*

Description:

2 Negs & 12 Photos

Steven Bennett

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Date Received... 5/20/56
From... R.L. ... CS # 952-5
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(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA- CHARLES F. HURLEY
To Be Returned... Yes (X) No
File Number... 100-534-1, A6

one group photo from two files which includes the
Gwendolyn Bennett - one copy of photo with
negative also included

For dissemination see 100-2936-7278





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-r. Gwendolyn Bennett

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FEDERAL ART PROJECT W. P. A.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DIVISION

235 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Opening at Furber Center

1296 Lincoln St.

Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Mr. Minkowski

LOCATION DATE 12, 20, 37

PHOTOGRAPHER

James

NEGATIVE No.
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FEDERAL ART PROJECT

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Artist:

Medium:

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References ☒

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COMPLAINT FORM

Not Relet
100-14347 + memo ref

GWENDOLYN BENNETT

Subject's Name and aliases

Name of Complainant

INDEXED

Address of Subject

Address of Complainant

Internal Security - C

Character of Case

Telephone Number of Complainant

#100-14347

100-28715
100-21421

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100-26603

97-164-1A6

11-27-43

Date and Time Complaint rec'd.

(Com ind.)

(DWI)

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

mem. ref.

Director, George Washington
Carver School

Key Figure in C.P.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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By SAC:

Open new Case

Agent

R. S. Garner
Special Agent

100-14347
+ New ref

BENNETT, Gwendolyn
New York City

(CONFIDENTIAL)
(Evaluation TRUE)

SND

Subject's name appears on a list of
sponsors of the Citizens' Non-Partisan
Committee to elect Benjamin J. DAVIS, Jr.,
Communist Party candidate for the New York
City Council from Manhattan.

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100-56529-2 [initials]
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Sept. 27, 1947

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT

100-56529-3 transferred to 117-38-1.

100-56529-3 Complaint Form 12-29-43.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

RSG:JEM
100-56529

New York, New York
February 14, 1944

MEMORANDUM

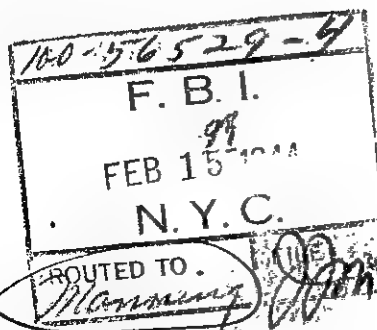
Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science, Winter Term, 1944, reflects the following information concerning the above captioned individual:

B.S. in Fine Arts, Columbia University; Fellowships at Academie Julien, Paris and Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa; taught Art at Howard University; formerly Director of Harlem Community Art Center; Director of George Washington Carver School.

The catalogue listed the subject as an instructor in the following subjects: "Art History and Appreciation" and "Painting and Drawing for Amateurs".

RUSSELL S. GARNER
Special Agent



FCZ:POH
100-51181

New York, New York
January 28, 1944

MEMORANDUM

RE: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto is a three-page log representing a conference between FERDINAND SMITH, Secretary of the N.M.U., and GWENDOLIN BENNETT, Director of the above-captioned school, which conference took place on January 21, 1944, according to Confidential Informant

FREDERICK C. ZINCK
Special Agent

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From F. SMITH
To GWEN BENNETT at CARVER SCHOOL

S: How are you?
B: Fine, who's this?

S: FERDINAND SMITH.
B: Oh, dear, dear! Am I glad to hear you!

S: Oh, really?
B: Yeah.

S: I'm surprised. I supposed you had been calling me names?
B: Huh?

S: I suppose you've been calling me names?
B: No, I just assumed that something had happened and now that you've called me, I know it has nothing to do with me.

S: Oh, nothing has happened. I've been terribly busy.
B: I know.

S: Terribly busy.
B: That's what I mean.

S: I'm still busy now. The Council is in session.
B: Yeah.

S: And I've been going, going, going. Sessions during the day, Committee meetings at night, and what have you. But, however, I wanted to call you to let you know that I tried to get you some money. I haven't forgotten it.
B: Okay.

S: I don't know how long it will take, but I'm trying hard.
B: All right, thanks.

S: I discussed it with ED STRONG.
B: Yeah.

S: About a week ago.
B: Yeah.

S: And I suggested to him that you people get together.
 B: Uh huh.

S: And work out a joint agreement.
 B: Yeah.

S: For fund raising.
 B: Yeah.

S: Because most of the unions including the NMU - -
 B: Yeah.

S: Like to know just how much they'll be asked to give for certain work.
 B: Yeah.

S: And if -
 B: Well, I saw ED for a minute last night.

S: Yeah.
 B: And we're gonna confer on that.

S: Well anyway I made up a memo on that in which I put your---uh---
 school---Congress---Southern Negro Youth Congress, Council on
 African Affairs, and the Negro Labor Victory Committee with a
 question mark---that mean if---(she laughs)---if it's either
 liquidated or it's taken over by the Congress and the Congress will
 retain it's share.
 B: Yeah, uh huh.

S: I tried to proportion what I think each one of you should have.
 B: Yes..

S: And whether I'll get all of that, I don't know; but I just want to
 let you know that I haven't forgotten you.
 B: I realize that you haven't, FERDINAND. I know how busy you are.

S: Uh huh.
 B: And I wouldn't trouble you if I had any place else to go.

S: I understand.
 B: We've had an awful hard year.

S: Yeah.
 B: And so many problems ahead of us, see?

S: Uh huh.
 B: All right then; we'll - - ED and I'll talk with you - - we'll talk
 that over and - -

S: Yeah, and is EDITH around?
B: No, she isn't. We haven't had any heat here, FERDINAND, for 12 days.
S: What?
B: Uh huh.
S: What's the matter? You have no money or the building is messed up?
B: Well, it's a bank (?) and there's been something wrong with the coal and so forth.
S: Yeah.
B: And so she's been working at home, but she'll be here in about an hour.
S: Yeah?
B: Uh huh.
S: Well, will you tell her I called? What time will she knock off?
B: Well I don't know because she's just dropping in here to see me—
(several words inaudible at this point as both speaking at once)—
S: Oh, I see, because I'm going into session at 2 o'clock and I won't be out again until 5.
B: All right, well if you call her in about an hour, you can reach her.
S: Well, I won't be able to call her then. Either ask her to call me up at 5, or just say I called, huh?
B: All right.
S: All right, thank you. Then you'll hear from me.
B: Okay.
S: Okay, GWEN, goodbye.
B: Bye.

END

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

234 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, New York

JJM:IFF
100-57391

March 2, 1944

Hon. Albert Goldman
Postmaster
General Post Office
33d St. & 8th Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be placed on the mail of the following for a period of thirty days:

GWENDOLYN BENNETT
2 West 102d Street
New York City
and
RICHARD B. CROSSCUP
2 West 102d Street
New York City

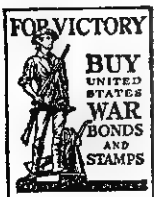
When forwarding tracings to this office,
please refer to our file No. 100-57391.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours;

* Return cards only

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge



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MAIL EARLY AND OFTEN TO EXPEDITE DISPATCH AND DELIVERY

United States Post Office

NEW YORK, N. Y. 1

DIVISION OF DELIVERY

TEL. PENN. 6-7700 EXTENSION No. 889

IN REPLYING
PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS AND DATE

DEL-*h* LGS:F

THE ADDRESSES ON MAIL MATTER INTENDED FOR DELIVERY AT NEW YORK, N. Y., SHOULD INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND STREET, AND IF FOR A BOX HOLDER, THE NUMBER OF THE BOX AND THE STATION AT WHICH THE BOX IS LOCATED.

March 3, 1944.

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
234 United States Court House,
New York 7, New York.

My dear Sir:

FILE NO. 100-57391

Receipt is acknowledged of your request to have a cover placed on mail for a period of thirty days addressed to:

GWENDOLYN BENNETT,
2 West 102nd St., New York 25, N.Y.

and
RICHARD B. CROSSCUP,
2 West 102nd St., New York 25, N.Y.

The return addresses ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ will be forwarded to your office directly as they arrive, properly endorsed with your file number if one is included.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Goldman

Postmaster.

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United States Post Office

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NEW YORK, N. Y. 1

DIVISION OF DELIVERY

TEL. PENN. 6-7700 EXTENSION No. 889

ON REPLYING
PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS AND DATE

DEL LGS:F

March 7, 1944.

Mr. E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
234 U. S. Court House,
New York 7, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Reference is had to your request of March 2, 1944.
File No. 100-57391, for a thirty day cover (return cards) on
mail addressed as follows:

Gwendolyn Bennett and
Richard B. Crosscup,
2 West 102nd St.,
New York 25, N.Y.

Please be informed that there is no number 2 West
102nd Street, and the persons mentioned are not known to
carriers. There are no forwarding instructions on file.

Will you kindly check your records on this case
and advise this office so that a proper cover on the correct
address may be maintained accordingly.

Cover on mail that may be received as stated above
will be sent your office for the period requested.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Goldman

Postmaster

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J. Manning

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234 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

JJM:HGF
100-57391

March 9, 1944

Honorable Albert Goldman
Postmaster
General Post Office
33rd Street and 8th Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 3, 1944, initials LGS:F, concerning the mail cover to be placed on Gwendolyn Bennett and Richard B. Crosscup of 2 West 102nd Street, New York 25, New York, our File 100-57391.

Inadvertently in the original request for this mail cover the address was given as 2 West 102nd Street, New York 25, New York and should have read 2 West 120th Street, New York 27, New York.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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MAIL EARLY AND OFTEN TO EXPEDITE DISPATCH AND DELIVERY

United States Post Office

NEW YORK, N. Y. 1

DIVISION OF DELIVERY

TEL. PENN. 6-7700 EXTENSION NO.

IN REPLYING
PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS AND DATE

DEL. LGS:F

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March 10, 1944.

THE ADDRESSES ON MAIL MATTER INTENDED FOR DELIVERY AT NEW YORK, N. Y., SHOULD INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND STREET, AND IF FOR A BOX HOLDER, THE NUMBER OF THE BOX AND THE STATION AT WHICH THE BOX IS LOCATED.

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
234 United States Court House,
New York 7, New York.

My dear Sir:

FILE NO. 100-57391

Receipt is acknowledged of your request to have a cover placed on mail for a period of thirty days addressed to:

GWENDOLYN BENNETT and
RICHARD B. CROSSCUP,
2 West 120th St.,
New York 27, N.Y.

The return addresses ~~and return addresses (if any)~~ will be forwarded to your office directly as they arrive, properly endorsed with your file number if one is included.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Goldman
Postmaster.

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J. J. Manning

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

JJM:MVW
100-56529

March 23, 1944

MEMORANDUM

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

In connection with the report of Special Agent John J. Manning dated March 23, 1944 at New York, N. Y., the following references were reviewed and were found to be identical with the subject.

100-57391-1
100-51181-6,8
100-28627-358
100-3905-27
100-14347-49
[redacted] 12/16/42, 12/19/42, 6/5/42 and 10/20/43
100-14347-49
100-42735A-685
100-42735A-706
100-42735-A-454
100-27339-19

All pertinent information contained in these references has been consolidated into the report of Agent Manning dated March 23, 1944 at New York City. In regard to file 100-57391, it is noted that this file is to be incorporated into 100-56529, and 100-57391 placed in a closed status.

The following references have been reviewed and have been found to be not identical with the subject:

100-42735A-684
100-42735A-456
100-42735A-91

JOHN J. MANNING,
Special Agent



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-56529 MVW**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/23/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/28/43; 3/4/44; 16, 17, 29; 3/9/44; 14-17/44	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. MANNING
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases: Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup, Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Indefinite

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject **GWENDOLYN BENNETT**, negress, claims to have been born at Giddings, Texas, 7/8/02, and was raised in Washington, D.C. and Harrisburg, Pa. In 1916 subject came to NYC and has been over intermittent period a resident of that city since. In 1927 BENNETT married Dr. **ALFRED JACKSON**, now deceased. On 6/25/40 she married present husband, **RICHARD B. CROSSCUP**, white man. Subject is connected with the intellectual group of the Communist Party, and is believed to be close friend of **JAMES W. FORD**, colored Communist Party Vice-Presidential candidate, as well as **PAUL ROBESON**, **CANADA LEE**, **EARL BROWDER**, **ROBERT MINOR**, **FERDINAND SMITH** and other Communists. BENNETT is alleged to have been a member of the Communist Party Publicity Committee for NY District in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Her husband, **RICHARD BECK CROSSCUP**, was a Communist in 1935 and may still be one. In June, 1941, WPA authorities suspended subject as Director of WPA Art Center in Harlem and attempted to prosecute her under Section 80, Title 18, USC, because of her Communist affiliations. In December, 1941 subject was reinstated and charges against her were dropped because of insufficient evidence. Informant T-1 states subject and other Communists of the WPA were "whitewashed" at private hearings. Subject has been teacher at the School For Democracy for several years and is instructor at the Jefferson School Of Social Science at the present time. **GWENDOLYN BENNETT** is Director of George Washington Carver School, colored Communist front organization, located 57 W. 125 St., NYC, and is very active in Communist Party matters in NYC.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - Newark 2 - Boston 1 - Capt. W. B. Howe, DIO, 3ND 1 - Col. S. V. Constant, D. of I. 2SC 3 - New York		<i>100</i>	<i>56529</i>

NY 100-56529

DETAILS:

The subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases, is being considered a key figure in the New York Field Division.

Background

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, a negress, claims to have been born in Giddings, Texas on July 8, 1902. A letter received by the New York branch of the Work Projects Administration, Sub-Treasury Building, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York City, from the Health Department at Giddings, Texas, indicates that birth records were not maintained at Giddings until 1903. The subject claims to have moved from Texas eight months after her birth when she went to live in Washington, D. C. After a short time in that city she travelled to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where she spent her youth. In 1916 the subject moved to New York City, and has been a resident of that city for an intermittent period since that time.

In 1927 the subject claims to have married Dr. ALFRED JACKSON, who is now deceased. On June 25, 1940 the subject married RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, a white man, and has lived with him in New York City since that time.

Education

The files of the Work Projects Administration indicate the following information concerning the subject's education and background:

1915 - 1916	Harrisburg High School, Harrisburg, Pa.
1918	Girls' High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.
1921 - 1922	Columbia Teachers College, New York, N. Y.
1922 - 1924	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., graduated 1924
September 1924 to June, 1925	Teacher at Howard University
September 1925 to June 1926	Julien Academy, Paris, France
September 1926 to June 1927	Teacher at Howard University
September 1927 to June 1928	Student at Barnes Foundation, Marion, Pa.

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1928 - 1930 Teacher at State Agricultural and Industrial School, Nashville, Tennessee; also a teacher in the Wade County Schools, Florida

Employment

The files of the Work Projects Administration indicate the following employment record of the subject:

1930 Publicity agent - W. C. HANDY PUBLISHING COMPANY
1930-1934 Part-time work - Y.W.C.A.
1935 Writers Project
1935-June 1941 Art project - Work Projects Administration

The subject is presently employed as Director of the George Washington Carver School and teacher at the Jefferson School Of Social Science.

Residences

In addition to having resided at Giddings, Texas, Washington, D.C., and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in her youth, BENNETT resided for a short time in Paris, France, during 1925 and 1926. Her residences in New York City were as follows:

July 1936 to November 1937 - 321 West 136th St., New York, N. Y.

November 1937 to January 19, 1938 - 250 West 154th St., New York, N. Y.

January 19, 1938 to date - 2 West 120th St., New York, N. Y.

Communist Party Activities and Affiliations

The records of the Work Projects Administration, Division of Investigation, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York City, were examined by the reporting agent and the following information obtained:

On June 19, 1941 the subject was investigated by the Work Projects Administration on the complaint that she had made a false statement in submitting an affidavit, W.P.A. Form 608, stating that she was not a Communist. The file also reflects a letter dated June 3, 1941,

from CLAYTON D. HOLLINGER to Mr. ROGER J. BOUNDS, Director of Investigation, Work Projects Administration, Washington, D. C., to the effect that Mr. HOLLINGER felt that the facts in the case warranted prosecution of the subject under Section 80, Title 18, United States Code. A summary of the material contained in this file indicates that the W.P.A. investigators were advised by a former member of the Communist Party, whose identity was not disclosed, that the subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, had always been connected with the intellectual group of the Communist Party, and was a close friend of JAMES W. FORD, colored Communist Party Vice-Presidential candidate, and that in 1937 or 1938 she was on a committee of well-known Communists, the purpose of which was to defend Trotsky shootings in Russia. BENNETT was also a member of the Communist Party Publicity Committee for New York District in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Her husband, RICHARD CROSSCUP, was a Communist in 1935, and may still be one.

This file reflects that MARTIN ARUNDEL, Work Projects Administration writer, the subject of another W.P.A. case, stated, when shown a picture of the subject, that she was known to him as RUTH GALE and had been in the Communist Party movement for some time. In 1934 and 1935 ARUNDEL stated BENNETT was connected with a Communist Party paper in Harlem, name unknown, and was also identified with a Communist Party Club at that time. This W.P.A. file reflects that the subject was a delegate to the National Negro Congress in Philadelphia in 1937 from the American Artists Guild. DO NOT DESTROY - PENDING LITIGATION

Upon being interviewed Miss AUGUSTA SAVAGE, 16 West 122nd Street, New York City, advised Work Projects Administration investigator MICHAEL SHERRY that GWENDOLYN BENNETT regularly read the DAILY WORKER and that the subject was President of the Harlem Artists Guild during 1937 and 1938. Miss SAVAGE admitted accompanying BENNETT to the National Negro Congress in Philadelphia in 1937 and stated that while there BENNETT was very active and lobbied for the Young Communist League in order that its members would be elected to office in the National Negro Congress. Among the Communists GWENDOLYN BENNETT lobbied for were GLADYS STONER of the New York City Relief Bureau, and Mr. MORAN of the Young Communist League, New York City.

When Miss SAVAGE and Miss BENNETT returned to New York SAVAGE stated to the W.P.A. Investigator that she overheard BENNETT tell ALEX STAVENITZ, former W.P.A. Junior Art Officer, 110 King Street, New York City, that she wished to make an oral report of the proceedings of the National Negro Congress at Philadelphia. She told STAVENITZ that the Young

Communist League attended 150 strong and ran away with the convention. She said the high light of the convention was the arrival at the convention of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON from Moscow, Russia, and that PATTERSON delivered a message from Moscow to the convention which thrilled BENNETT and other delegates. BENNETT told STAVENITZ that objections to Communists attending the convention were squashed by PATTERSON and other Communists present. Miss SAVAGE said she never saw the subject speak to PATTERSON either in Philadelphia or New York City, and that she, SAVAGE, never met him.

At the time of this interview in June, 1941, Miss SAVAGE claimed that the Harlem Artists Guild, with which GWENDOLYN BENNETT was affiliated, and which is now defunct, was not Communistic, but had several Communist sympathizers as members. Miss SAVAGE further advised that meetings of Work Projects Administration supervisors VIRGINIA MANNING, FRIEDA TAYLOR, SAMUEL FREIDMAN, CLEVE BISSELL and ALEX STAVENITZ were held at their respective homes and Communist Party activities were discussed. Those individuals who attended who were not Communist sympathizers were disgusted. The names of the non-Communist persons attending were not recorded.

The records of the Work Projects Administration reflect that ALEX STAVENITZ, Identification No. 2347, resigned because of illness July 1, 1940. VIRGINIA MANNING, Identification No. 234602, resigned October 23, 1939. FRIEDA TAYLOR, Identification No. 263469, resigned, no date given. SAMUEL FREIDMAN, Identification No. 425981, separated from the service September 3, 1939. CLEVELAND BISSELL, Identification No. 319417, separated from the service August 8, 1939. BURGOYNE DILLER, Identification No. 145446, was suspended April 9, 1941. LINCOLN ROTHSCCHILD, Identification Badge 310214, was suspended April 9, 1941. The above mentioned individuals were the active Communists and Communist sympathizers connected with the Art Project which the subject was affiliated with.

This same file reflects that SELMA BURKE, W.P.A. art teacher, residing at 148 East 28th Street, New York City (May, 1941), said that Communist meetings were held in a room adjoining her classroom in the Harlem Community Art Center, and that she often overheard Communist matters being discussed. Subject BENNETT was in charge of this project and was continually going in and out of these meetings while they were in progress. RIVA HELFOND and GWENDOLYN BENNETT tried to put pressure on Miss BURKE to either join the Communist Party or leave the Harlem project.

At a party given in the BURKE'S honor at the home of CHARLES STUDIN, 12 East 10th Street, New York City, BENNETT attended with

a white man named Mr. PEARL, and endeavored to interest the guests in the "Better Russian negro film movement". CHARLES STUDIN, a lawyer, 36 West 44th Street, New York City, was interviewed by W.P.A. Investigator and could not recall the discussion of a better Russian film movement, but he did recall that BENNETT suggested that a party be given for her friend, PAUL ROBESON. The party was never given.

Q SARAH WEST, former W.P.A. artist, residing at 875 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, advised she could not say whether the subject was a Communist or not, but she did know that the subject was a Communist sympathizer, and that the Harlem Art Center was over-run with Communists and Communist Party activities. She further stated that BENNETT was definitely partial to all Communist Party members.

The Work Projects Administration file further reflects that the subject was chairman and sponsor of the Negro Playwrights Company, Inc., which produced the Communist play BIG WHITE FOG at the Lincoln Theatre in Harlem in 1940. The subject was very friendly with RICHARD WRIGHT and PAUL ROBESON. The file also reflects that BENNETT campaigned in Pittsburgh for JAMES FORD, colored Vice-Presidential candidate, during the election of 1940.

Q DAVID W. WRIGHT of 250 West 154th Street, New York City, and ALEXANDER BROWN, 321 West 136th Street, New York City, were interviewed by W.P.A. investigators regarding Communist activities of the subject, with negative results.

Q EDWARD WELCH, colored, 40 Morningside Avenue, New York City, stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was reputed to be a Communist.

Q FRANKIE DUTY, colored, 237 West 115th Street, New York City, a member of the Communist Party Harlem section from March 10, 1936 to October, 1938, when he resigned, stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was reputed to be a Communist.

Q CHARLES WHITE, W.P.A. Recreation Leader, 24 West 118th Street, New York City, former member of the Communist Party, from 1929 to 1936, and member of the Central Committee of the Young Communist League, testified before the Woodrum Committee that the subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, attended a dinner given in honor of FORD, Communist Vice-Presidential candidate, at which BENNETT was seated next to EARL BROWDER and ROBERT MINOR. WHITE also stated that GLADYS STONER for whom GWENDOLYN BENNETT lobbied at the National Negro Congress, has been a high-ranking Communist Party member since 1935.

Q WILLIAM CHASE, colored, W.P.A. Art Director, no residence

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given, who is affiliated with the NEW YORK AMSTERDAM STAR NEWS, said he believed GWENDOLYN BENNETT was one of a group of negroes who went to Russia in 1931 or 1932 to make negro film. He was unable to state definitely whether BENNETT was a Communist.

DAN BURLEY, colored sports editor and theatrical editor of the NEW YORK AMSTERDAM STAR NEWS, said GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a Communist Party sympathizer and that the play BIG WHITE FOG with which she was affiliated was definitely Communistic.

EARL BROWN, colored news correspondent residing at 745 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, said that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is accepted in Harlem, associated with and sympathetic with activities which have been considered Communistic.

FLOYD SNELSON, colored, "New York Age" employee, who has known BENNETT for ten years, stated she has a reputation of being a Communist in Harlem. SNELSON advised that he had attended one meeting of the Communist Party but that his dues of 50¢ had been returned to him and ^{he} had been dropped as a member.

IDA M. DUDLEY, colored bookkeeper at the NEW YORK AGE, 230 West 135th Street, New York City, said that she had known BENNETT for years and that she is regarded as a Communist.

LUDLOW WERNER, colored Managing Editor at the NEW YORK AGE, 230 West 135th Street, New York City, stated he heard rumors to the effect that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a Communist and had been removed as a teacher at Howard University because of some scandal in which she became involved.

The above-mentioned file reflects that a former member of the Communist Party advised W.P.A. investigators that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a member of the Communist Party Publicity Committee for New York District in 1936, 1937 and part of 1938.

WILLIAMNA BURROUGHS, Communist teacher who was expelled from the public school system in New York, is a friend of the subject. BURROUGHS was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Communist Party ticket, as well as Comptroller of the City of New York on the Communist Party ticket.

BENNETT is also a close friend of KYLE CRICHTON, writer

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for COLLIER'S Magazine, known to be a Communist, who writes for the Party under the pen name of ROBERT FORSYTH.

RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, the subject's husband, was a member of the Communist Party in 1935, and is very friendly with CYRIL BRIGGS, a staff member of the DAILY WORKER. A former Communist Party member advised W.P.A. agents that CROSSCUP has been seen in the Communist Party offices on 13th Street and at the Workers Book Shop as recently as 1938. CROSSCUP is a personal friend of ROBERT B. MOORE, Communist Party field organizer.

The W.P.A. file reflects the following investigation was conducted by the Pittsburgh Branch of the Work Projects Administration:

ARNOLD SCOTT, colored, 1615 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, identified a picture of the subject as the person who spoke at a meeting of the Communist Party during the fall of 1939. This meeting was held at the Northside Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh. SCOTT said that he read in the local DAILY WORKER that BENNETT again spoke at a Communist Party meeting at the Northside Carnegie Library in November, 1940.

VICTOR FREDIANI, President of the FREDIANI PRINTING COMPANY, 71 Elm Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, stated that during the election of 1940 he printed 15,000 four-page leaflets for the Communist Party, which referred to a meeting at the Northside Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh on behalf of JAMES W. FORD, colored Communist. FREDIANI also printed a DAILY WORKER western Pennsylvania edition for the Communist Party, with the permission of the DAILY WORKER of New York. This was in 1940. FREDIANI was unable to furnish any literature regarding this meeting, or the Worker Edition that he published.

The following investigation was conducted by the Work Projects Administration office of the Boston, Massachusetts area:

Examination of the files of the Massachusetts State Department of Safety and the Boston City Police Department as of May 28, 1941 failed to reveal any information concerning the activities of RICHARD B. CROSSCUP or GWENDOLYN BENNETT. The FBI records in the Boston Field Office were also checked with negative results.

Information was revealed which alleged that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was affiliated with a Communist organization in Boston known as the Great Pacific Movement.

On April 26, 1941 subject GWENDOLYN BENNETT was requested to appear before the New York Work Projects Administration for questioning regarding her Communist Party affiliations. She advised the W.P.A. at that time that she would only appear under the following circumstances:

1. If she was given a copy of the charges made against her.
2. That all accusers be made to make their accusations in person.
3. That investigations of the case be confined to circumstances connected with the charges.
4. That she receive a transcript of the proceedings of the interviews relative to the case.

Her demands were denied but she was advised that she would be permitted to have her attorney present during the interview. On June 4, 1941 the subject appeared with her attorney, MORRIS ENGEL, at the New York Office of the Work Projects Administration. Upon being questioned the subject denied she was ever a member of the Communist Party and that she had ever lobbied for the Young Communist League or any other Communist organization. She denied that she did publicity work for the Communist Party, or any Communist organization. She denied she was ever in Pittsburgh or had ever spoken on behalf of a Communist candidate or for a Communist Party cause. She denied ever having been connected with any committee for the purpose of defending Russia or the Trotsky shootings in Russia. She denied that she ever wrote under a pen name or that she ever read Communist literature. She denied she was friendly with RICHARD WRIGHT or JAMES W. FORD, negro Communist. She refused to answer when asked if she was present at a dinner given for FORD and sat at the speakers' table with EARL BROWDER and ROBERT MINOR. She refused to answer when questions regarding her presence at the National Negro Congress Convention in Philadelphia were directed to her, or whether she had submitted a report regarding Communist Party activities at the Convention. BENNETT also refused to answer any questions as to her interest in the Russian negro film movement. She refused to answer the question as to whether she read the DAILY WORKER. The subject refused to say whether she was present at a banquet in honor of JACQUES ROUMAIN HATIAN, an exile. She declared the National Negro Playwrights Company, Inc. used her name without permission. She also claimed her poems appeared in the DAILY WORKER without her consent. She stated she never saw WILLIAM PATTERSON, Communist Party candidate for Congress, but knew his wife. When asked if she knew LOUISE THOMPSON, wife of WILLIAM

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PATTERSON, she refused to say whether she knew her. The subject refused to answer the question "RICHARD CROSSCUP - is that your husband's original name?" She refused to answer the question "Was your husband's name RICHARD BECK CROSSCUP?" She refused to answer the question "Does your husband live in New York City with you?" She claimed to have never used any name but GWENDOLYN BENNETT, JACKSON, or CROSSCUP. She claimed to have never been in Russia at any time.

JOHN F. MC INTYRE, in charge of the Division of Investigation, Work Projects Administration, advised the reporting agent that Investigator JOHN A. BRANN handled the case of GWENDOLYN BENNETT and was in a better position to furnish additional information regarding her. Mr. BRANN was not available at that time and will be contacted by the reporting agent at a later date.

The files of the W.P.A. reflect that on December 13, 1941 MALCOLM J. MILLER, Assistant Commissioner, Work Projects Administration, wrote to IRVING V. A. HUIE, W.P.A. Administrator, New York City, clearing the subject's records of charges of Communism on the grounds of insufficient evidence, and making her eligible for reinstatement and further employment on W.P.A. projects.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised the reporting agent that in 1941 someone by the name of JOHNSON or JACOBSON came to New York City from Washington, D. C., and conducted private hearings behind closed doors on cases, such as the subjects. As a result of these hearings, all Communist Party members were "whitewashed".

The records of Special Squad No. 1, New York City Police Department, 400 Broome Street, New York City, reflected that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is a teacher of "Life and culture of the negro people" and "Art and the People" at the School For Democracy, 13 Astor Place, New York City. This was on January 26, 1942. She was also Director of the Harlem Community Art Center, 125th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. In July and August, 1943, the subject taught the summer school session of the School For Democracy. Her course was painting and drawing for amateurs.

The file further reflects that the subject is presently teaching Art, History and Appreciation at the Thomas Jefferson School of Social Science. The file reflects a newspaper clipping from the NEW YORK AGE dated January 10, 1942 in which GWENDOLYN BENNETT was cleared of charges of subversive activity and reinstated on the Work Projects Administration. At the hearing Miss BENNETT was represented by MICHAEL BRAUN, Attorney for the Joint Committee To Defend W.P.A. Workers..

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, 9th floor, 400 Broome Street, New York City, were also checked but failed to reveal any information not previously reported.

Lieutenant LOUIS REIGER, 6th Detective District, 229 West 123rd Street, New York City, advised the writer that the subject is believed to be a Communist and is married to one of his air raid wardens, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, a teacher in his air raid warden school. Lieutenant REIGER was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the subject other than the fact that she was Director of the George Washington Carver School.

The Selective Service record of the subject's husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, was checked at the Selective Service Board No. 55, 307 Lenox Avenue, New York City. CROSSCUP'S serial number is 3246 and his order number is 2389. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 24, 1906, and is presently employed by the Walden School, 1 West 88th Street, New York City. He and his wife, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, operate a summer camp at Port Murray, New Jersey, which is known as Camp Wo-Chi-Ca. CROSSCUP and his wife reside at 2 West 120th Street, New York City. In 1929 CROSSCUP left the country and was issued Passport No. 84756. His destination was not revealed. He has been placed in Class 1AH as of July 24, 1943 because of his age.

The Selective Service file reflects a letter from RICHARD B. CROSSCUP to the Board dated April 20, 1942, in which he claims that his mother, LILLIAN A. CROSSCUP, age-70 years, was living with him at that time. He also states that his wife, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was employed at \$125. a month as a teacher in the School For Democracy, 13 Astor Place, New York City. CROSSCUP is Assistant Deputy Zone Warden, Precinct 28, Zone 1, New York City. He claims to have been a teacher since 1933. He lists relatives as follows:

- ① Mother, LILLIAN A. CROSSCUP, 1085 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.
- ① Brother, LINCOLN B. CROSSCUP, 28 La Vegas Road, Orinda, Calif.
- ① Sister, LILLIAN L. CROSSCUP, no address
- ① Daughter, MARTHA CROSSCUP, Plympton, Mass.

MARTHA CROSSCUP is a child by a previous marriage, and according to the file, CROSSCUP is responsible for her support by divorce decree No. 16944, Probate Court, Massachusetts. CROSSCUP also lists an additional daughter, JOACHIM, who was adopted by JAMES PLEUFER of Plympton, Massachusetts.

Confidential Informant whose identity is known

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to the Bureau, was contacted regarding the subject and RICHARD B. CROSSCUP. He stated that he believed that both of them were active in Communist circles but that he would obtain additional information concerning their present Communist Party affiliations.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is also known to the Bureau, advised the writer that he had known the subject for some time and that he believed her to be a member of the Communist Party. He expected to have close contacts with the subject some time in the future and hoped to be able to provide this office with additional information concerning her.

A review of the file of the DAILY WORKER indicates numerous references to the subject, all of which have been covered in this report.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised the writer that the subject was on very good terms with a Communist Party member, DAVE GOLDWAY, and has often discussed the problems of the George Washington Carver School with him. The subject complained to GOLDWAY that no organized groups were attending the school, and stated that courses were being given at the School which included the Soviet-American Friendship situation in order to stimulate interest in that subject. She also appealed to GOLDWAY to interest BENJAMIN DAVIS, colored Communist Councilman, in the school, and advised GOLDWAY that DAVIS had promised to give his attention to the school after the elections. The subject also advised GOLDWAY that she had received a wonderful letter from an individual known as JAMES HEARN, which was his answer in response to a letter requesting \$100., sent out to all the Board members of the George Washington Carver School. HEARN explained and gave a very good reason why he could not respond with a \$100. donation to the school.

A review of the files of this office indicates a newspaper article published in the New York WORLD TELEGRAM of November 16, 1943, which revealed the George Washington Carver School as a "Red negro ruse". A summary of the information in the article is as follows:

A new people's institution named the George Washington Carver School has been organized in Harlem with strong Communist backing in a propaganda bid for interest among negroes. One of its directors and chief backers is BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Communist functionary, whose election to City Council the WORLD TELEGRAM disclosed the week previous to instant article followed the Communist strategy of exploiting national, racial and religious feelings. At the opening of the institute, which is located at 57 West 125th Street, the DAILY WORKER, Communist Party organ, hailed the event as a major happening in Harlem. The head of the school, Dr. MAX YERGAN, is one of the country's foremost negro leaders of Communist causes, and is president of the National Negro Congress. GWENDOLYN BENNETT, who recently resigned from

teaching at the School For Democracy, has been appointed Director of the new school. According to the article, the school is recognized by the thinking people of Harlem as a Communist attempt to exploit CARVER.

The files of this office further reflect that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a teacher of a course given at the School For Democracy, 13 Astor Place, New York City, in the winter term, January to March, 1943, entitled "Life and Culture of the Negro People". The subject is also listed in the files of the New York Office as being a teacher at the summer School For Democracy at Arcadia, Fishkill, New York. This organization is conducted by the School For Democracy, 13 Astor Place, New York City.

The files reflect that the subject spoke at a cultural group meeting at the Edison Hall, 228 West 47th Street, New York City, on Sunday, December 4, 1943. The subject of this course was "Contributions Of The Negro To American Art And Culture". Dr. YERGAN served as chairman. The file also reflects an article taken from the PEOPLE'S VOICE of November 27, 1943, concerning the George Washington Carver School, in which GWENDOLYN BENNETT, Director of the Carver School, stated "This is an educational institution which we are building to meet the needs of the people of Harlem. A carefully chosen curriculum committee from the Board of Directors will organize the educational program, changing and modifying the courses offered as our experience with the community dictates the need for change. The courses to be offered will be planned in keeping with the best educational principles at all times".

A catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science, winter term 1944, reflects the following information regarding the subject:

B.S. in Fine Arts, Columbia University, New York City.

Fellowships at Academie Julien, Paris, France

Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pennsylvania.

Taught Art at Howard University

Former Director of Harlem Community Art Center

Director of George Washington Carver School

The original directors of the George Washington Carver School are as follows:

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LEONARD COVELLO, HENRY K. CRAFT, THELMA DALE, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Judge HUBERT T. DELANEY, ERNEST L. DIMITRY, Dr. ARNOLD B. DONAWA, ALTA DOUGLAS, THYRA EDWARDS, ALICE KELIHER, CANADA LEE, EDWARD S. LEWIS, Dean E. GEORGE PAYNE, Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., MELVA L. PRICE, PAUL ROBESON, FERDINAND C. SMITH, DOROTHY STEELE, HOPE R. STEVENS, CONSUELA LEE TAPIA, Reverend CHARLES YOUNG TRIGG, HARCOURT TYNES, JAMES WATERMAN WISE, and Dr. MAX YERGAN.

On March 10, 1944 a mail cover was placed on the subject and RICHARD B. CROSSCUP at their residence, 2 West 120th Street, New York City. As yet no information has been received through this source.

A copy of the subject's picture was obtained during the course of the investigation, and will be made a part of the 1A file of instant case.

The following description of GWENDOLYN BENNETT was obtained during the course of investigation:

Date and place of birth:	Giddings, Texas, July 8, 1902
Age:	42 years
Race:	Negress
Complexion:	Medium brown
Height:	5'
Weight:	185 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Color of hair:	Black, cut short
Color of eyes:	Brown
Shape of face:	Round
Teeth:	White and even
Occupation:	Artist, teacher, Director of George Washington Carver School
Marital status:	Married
Remarks:	Occasionally wears rimless glasses; has pleasant disposition, and always appears smiling and good humoured.

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NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Port Murray, N. J.

Will attempt to ascertain whether Camp Wo-Chi-Ga at Port Murray is a Communist Camp and will report any present activities on the part of the subject or her husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, in that area.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Boston, Mass.

Will report any pertinent information concerning the subject's husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, which may be contained in divorce decree 16944, Probate Court, Massachusetts.

Will, if possible, interview the former wife of CROSSCUP for any information concerning CROSSCUP or BENNETT.

Will obtain any information as to CROSSCUP'S affiliations at Boston University, where he received an M.A. Degree in 1940.

Will report all information contained in the files of the Boston Office regarding BENNETT or her husband.

At Cambridge, Mass.

Will obtain any information as to CROSSCUP'S Communist affiliations at Harvard University, where he was graduated with an A.B. Degree in 1927.

Will contact the proper authorities at Cambridge School for any information concerning RICHARD CROSSCUP, who is believed to have been a teacher at that school for about eight years.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, N. Y.

Will contact JOHN A. BRANN, Work Projects Administration Investigator, Sub-Treasury Building, third floor, Pine and Nassau Streets, who handled the investigation of the subject, and obtain any additional information concerning her Communist activities.

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Will recontact confidential informants of the New York Office in an attempt to ascertain the present activities of the subject and her husband.

Will continue additional investigation in the New York area concerning the subject's Communist Party affiliations and activities.

Will report the results of the mail cover placed on the subject and her husband at their residence, 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants referred to in the report of Special Agent John J. Manning dated at New York, N. Y. March 23, 1944 are identified as follows:

- T-1 JOHN F. MC INTYRE, in charge of the Division of Investigation, Work Projects Administration, Sub-Treasury Building, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York, N. Y.
- T-2 Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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New York, New York
March 3, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

RE: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto is a five page log representing a conference between DAVID GOLDWAY, New York State Educational Director, CP and BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., and between GOLDWAY and GWENDOLYN BENNETT, of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL. Both of these conferences took place on February 25, according to confidential informant [redacted]

It is believed that MAX, JIM and TRACHTY mentioned in the log may be identified as Dr. MAX YERGAN, JAMES FORD and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG.

FREDERICK C. ZINCK
Special Agent

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FROM: DAVE GOLDWAY
TO: BEN DAVIS

- G: Listen BEE, its high time, I feel, that we got a little meeting together to discuss the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL some more.
- D: Yeah, I think so.
- G: So how about you suggesting a date and I'll see what I can do to arrange a meeting.
- D: Well it will have to be sometime next week, not before Wednesday or Thursday, that's out with me.
- G: Well how about the following week?
- D: Well that sounds all right to me. I can't say exactly because I don't have my schedule here and LILLIAN is not here, and she routes everything, so we can set it tentatively next week, next Wednesday week, because the first part of the week, the first two days of the week I leave open for Council preparations, etc.
- G: All right, well how about making it tentatively for Wednesday, March 8th?
- D: Well that sounds all right to me.
- G: We'd have a Bureau meeting in the morning.
- D: Ruh?
- G: There's a Bureau meeting in the morning I imagine. How about making it that afternoon?
- D: OK.
- G: What time do you say, 2:30, 3:00?
- D: Yeah, 2:30 or 3:00? 3:00.
- G: All right, suppose we make it 3:00. Now I think that we ought to get MAX in on this.
- D: All right, to have him come in.
- G: Yeah, well he ought to be as he's chairman of the Board. What we might do is
- D: Well you know he's doing more on the other one than he is on this one.
- G: What's that?

D: He's doing more on the other one than he is on this one, and still that's not saying anything.

G: Yeah, and I don't think that's - what's that?

D: And still that's not saying anything.

G: No, I think that he ought to be just a figurehead and a name on the other one, and whatever time he has ought to be devoted to this.

D: Yeah, well look, I think that GWENDOLYN has been trying to get in touch with me, she wants to talk some problems over with me. ...(indistinct) its going to have a ...(?) effect unless its overcome and unless the two projects are properly related, so I'm saying that by way of pointing out partially what possibly might be some of the problem there.

G: That's part of it perhaps, but

D: Yeah, its part of it.

G: Well there are a good many of the aspects of the thing that need to be gone into. I feel happy about what the school's done up to this point. You know what the registration is for this term?

D: How much is it?

G: Its over two hundred.

D: Yeah.

G: Which is fifty more than they had the first term, and that in spite of the fact that a lot of plans weren't carried through, and GWEN worked more or less single-handed on this.

D: Well I feel the same way, and certainly the emergence of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL kind of brings to a head all of the problems we have here, showing you know how they really can be solved, and making it necessary to solve them on the same kind of scale.

G: That's right, just another work on a two by four basis in Harlem when we're doing such things downtown.

D: That's right. Now look, there's one other thing. Some other negroes should be associated with that school beside MAX.

G: Very definitely.

D: I tell you, I have in mind one young fellow that's come up recently and that's BEN RICHARDSON, and I'm going to, I'm going to talk over with him some things about his future and its quite possibly he's, growing out of the accident he has, he's going to have to change his line of work.

G: I see.
D: Now I wish you would give that some consideration.
G: Well that sounds like something. I don't know the guy but I read that series of articles he had and
D: Well he has my highest recommendation.
G: Yeah, well I was very much impressed by those articles. How is he as an organizational person?
D: I don't know, that I'll have to discuss with him, but this much I will say, that he not only has certain individual views and certain developments growing out of his own individual strength in convictions, but he's also very much in favor of associating himself with us in every sort of way. How
G: Well I'm, my first reaction is very favorable.
D: Think it over, talk it over with some of the people because I'm very interested, I think we have something here.
G: Yeah, I'd like to see something developing, and if we plan big things, and I think we should for the school, we have to open out.
D: Yeah.
G: All right, so we'll make it 3:00 o'clock on March 8th, and I'll see what I can do to round up the others, huh?
D: OK.
G: Maybe we can make it up at MAX'S office so we'll be sure he'll be there.
D: Yeah, OK.
G: OK.

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FROM: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
TO: DAVE GOLDWAY

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G: Hello GWEN. You called me yesterday.
B: That's right, I wanted to know whereabouts to meet.

G: Well I wasn't able to get my hands on BEN until today, and BEN couldn't make a meeting until after the middle of next week, and the middle of next week I'm going up-State, so the first date that he and I could mutually agree on was Wednesday, March 8th.

B: Well I think I'm going to quit, I'm tired of this job.

G: What's that?
B: I said I'm going to quit, I'm tired of this job, it's terrific. I don't even have money to pay rent with this time, little problems, well that's a good couple of weeks now, about ten days before we sit and think about it and then it takes several days before we can do anything.

G: I can't hear you GWEN.
B: I said putting the meeting off that far you see, it's a good ten days away and it means several days after that before anything can be accomplished and

G: Well look, the alternative is this, you see, I proposed that date because I couldn't make it. BEN can make it next Wednesday. How about you meeting without me?
B: Well that's BEN and whom else?

G: What's that?
B: BEN and whom else?

G: Well we'll try to get BEN and MAX and JIM and TRACHTY.
B: Well I hate to do it without you DAVE.

G: See, I was anxious to be at the meeting, that's the only reason why I postponed it for a full week.
B: Well is there anything else that can be done about money between now and then?

G: Yes, we might be able to do something about money between now and then to tide things over, I mean if that's the problem.
B: The situation, BETTY is ill and hasn't been able to take care of herself, I'm beginning to pile up debts, now the rent is due, and the situation is just piled up.

- G: Yeah, well I certainly don't blame you. Well I tell you what I'll do. Suppose I work on trying to get let's say a few hundred dollars to tide you over until we have the meeting and get you to pay some of your dates, and have money for salaries.
- B: Yeah, well then suppose you go ahead, if that can be done go ahead on the basis of the March 8th meeting, because I would really like to have you there because I think under the present situation you're a little closer than any of the rest of us. Now when can I call you to see what's what on the money situation?
- G: Well, suppose I make a call right away and you call me on Monday. I'll see what I can do right away on that.
- B: OK then, goodbye.
- G: OK GWEN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FCZ:PMC
100-56529

APRIL 18, 1944

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU ROUTINE

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, INTERNAL SECURITY C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT GWENDOLYN BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, TOLD DAVID GOLDWAY, NEW YORK STATE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THAT SHE IS GOING TO WASHINGTON, D. C., TO TRY TO SEE VICE PRESIDENT WALLACE AND SECRETARY ICKES, BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF SHE WILL GET TO SEE THEM. SHE TOLD HIM SHE SENT A TELEGRAM TO WALLACE YESTERDAY AND IS EXPECTING A REPLY. SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD SEE RUTH BENEDICT WHILE IN WASHINGTON, AND WOULD STAY WITH BETTY WHITE'S MOTHER WHILE THERE, TO SAVE EXPENSES. THE PURPOSE OF BENNETT'S ATTEMPT TO SEE WALLACE AND ICKES IS NOT KNOWN, BUT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU.

CONROY

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4:25 P.M.

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4:38 P.M.

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Approved: SAC

Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York

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100-56529

April 21, 1944

Director, FBI


Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

A photograph of the above captioned subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, obtained by this office, is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure. The picture in question is for inclusion in the subject's case file at the Bureau.

Additional copies of the photograph are being retained in the proper case file in this office.

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY
SAC

Enc.

100-56529-15 *by [signature]*



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

May 5, 1944

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: SECURITY MATTER

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

BENNETT, GWENDOLYN
with aliases

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

1 all copy
Mrs. Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup
Mrs. Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson
Mrs. Albert Jackson
Ruth Gale

2 West 120th St.,
New York, New York (Res.)

George Washington Carver School
57 W. 125th St.,
New York, New York (Bus.)

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Rb. Hahale.
MND*

*No discrepancies
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M. H. R.*

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FILE NO. 100-27217-10 Case File

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 5-11-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-14-44	REPORT MADE BY ELMER A. MADSON, JR.
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, WAS. <i>100-56529</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Port Murray reveals subject known only by name, with no knowledge of subject's husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP. Subject not known to be manager of Camp Wo-Chi-Ca. Camp Wo-Chi-Ca described as a Communist camp. Confidential Informant T-1 advises "DAILY WORKER" addressed to Camp Wo-Chi-Ca during summer periods. Caretaker on the premises believed to be ANNA HILL, who receives payment by money order with the remitter as Camp Wo-Chi-Ca. Information determined from State Police to the effect that Camp Wo-Chi-Ca located in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, mail address R.D. 1, Port Murray, New Jersey.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOHN J. MANNING dated 3-23-44 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

Information determined from Confidential Informant T-1 was to the effect that Camp Wo-Chi-Ca is located at R.F.D. 1, Port Murray, New Jersey. Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he was not familiar with the subject of instant case, except that he did recall mail having come addressed to a party by the name of BENNETT. As far as he could ascertain and recall, the name of RICHARD B. CROSSCUP was unfamiliar.

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1 - Boston (info)		
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T-1 advised that this camp opens approximately around June 1 of each year and that its activities cease about Labor Day. He further advised that a caretaker was maintained on the premises yearly and that her name was ANNA HILL, and that she had come from New York, address unknown, a short time ago and was paid by money orders with the remitter as Camp Wo-Chi-Ca. As far as was known by T-1, Mr. MATT HALL of 80 East 11th Street, New York City, was the organizer and operator of Camp Wo-Chi-Ca.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he had heard very little about Camp Wo-Chi-Ca, inasmuch as it was located approximately ten miles from Port Murray, and that the shopping centers of Washington, New Jersey and Hackettstown, New Jersey would obviate the necessity of having the people use Port Murray as a business town. He did recall one incident, however, in which a truck driver whose name he did not know stopped at the Port Murray Post Office and asked him what kind of camp it was. When the truck driver was asked the reason for this, he stated he had a desire to place his son in a summer camp, and that upon investigation of Camp Wo-Chi-Ca, he found that it was "a damn Communist camp."

The New Jersey State Police Sub-station located at Washington, New Jersey was contacted by the reporting agent for information relative to Camp Wo-Chi-Ca. They advised that under date of October 2, 1941, an investigation had been conducted by them concerning the camp. The following is substantially the information obtained by their investigation.

Camp Wo-Chi-Ca is also known as Pleasant Grove Acres and is situated on the Califon-Pleasant Grove Road in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, R.D. 1, Port Murray, New Jersey. A contact with farmers living in and near the camp determined that Camp Wo-Chi-Ca was a Communist camp from New York City and consists of people of all races and creeds. At the present time the camp was closed for the winter season, and Mr. and Mrs. VENIO HILL of New York City were living there as caretakers. In this connection, it is noted that the name of the Party given by T-1 was Mrs. ANNA HILL of New York City.

The name of MAC WEISMAN arose in connection with the camp as manager. It was learned that MAC WEISMAN had left a forwarding address care of ABE TAUBER, 55 West 95th Street, New York City. Information was obtained from Tax Collector of Lebanon Township to the effect that taxes on the camp were paid by a Mr. MATT HALL of 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

The following men are listed as camp directors:

Executive Director	MATT HALL, 80 East 11th Street New York City.
Camp Director	ABE TAUBER, 55 West 95th Street New York City

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Educational Director

MAC WEISMAN, care of ABE TAUBER
previously mentioned.

Two other individuals connected with the camp by the name of BUTCH LASKY and OSCAR ALBERT were mentioned in the investigation, but addresses were not obtained. Nowhere in connection with the investigation of the camp did the name of the subject or RICHARD B. CROSSCUP arise. They are not known in the vicinity.

Inasmuch as Camp Wo-Chi-Ca is not being operated at the present time and inasmuch as no further background information is available concerning the subject and persons mentioned in this report, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin. In the event it is desired that a further check be made at a later date during the time of operation of Camp Wo-Chi-Ca, the Newark Field Division will conduct such investigation upon receipt of information from the New York Field Division.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

NK 100-27217

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 is Postmaster V. B. ZELLERS of the Port Murray, New Jersey Post Office.

A copy of this report is being designated for the Boston Field Division for their information in conducting investigation within that territory.

JJM:DJG
100-51181

Director, FBI.

E. T. CONROY, SAC.

New York, N. Y.
May 26, 1944.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A meeting sponsored by the above-captioned organization was held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142 Lenox Avenue, New York City, May 20, 1944. The meeting in question was in the nature of a patriotic rally entitled, "I AM AN ALL-AMERICAN DAY" and was attended by approximately 1200 people. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, DR. GENE WILTFISH, Co-Author of "THE RACES OF MANKIND", MAX YERGAN, CANADA LEE were among the speakers. Approximately \$900.00 was collected for the benefit of the subject organization.

The meeting in question was attended by Confidential Informant [redacted] and a report concerning the meeting was submitted to this office. The informant's report is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure. Copies of the report are being placed in the appropriate files in this office.

Encs...

cc: [redacted]

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New York, N. Y.
20th of May 1944

RE: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
PROGRAM AT GOLDEN GATE BALLROOM
142 LENOX AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

TIME: 4 P.M. - CLOSED: 6:30 P. M.

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 1200. Most
of which were the intelligencia,
Inter Racial groups and service-
men in uniform.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - GWENDOLYN BENNETT,
Director of George Washington Carver School.

The invocation was offered by the REVEREND CHARLES Y. TRIGG,
Pastor of Salem A.M.E. Church. The National Anthem was sung. Hall Johnson
Choir Sang. Solos were sung by AUBREY PANKEY and Miss LAMA STASKA, a
Czechoslovakian. TEDDY WILSON, Quartette from Cafe Society Uptown offered
a couple of numbers.

SPEAKERS

Miss GENE WELTFISH, Co-Author of Public Affair pamphlet
"THE RACES OF MANKIND", said that all men given the same training and
opportunities were equal ^{she endorsed} the George Washington Carver School;
said it was a credit to the Negroes of this community and was deserving
of the support of all races.

DR. MAX YERGAN, Council of African Affairs, and Chairman
of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Carver School,
welcomed the groups and told of the progress of the school which was
encouraging and asked for continued support by people of Harlem.

CANADA LEE was introduced at this time. He read a letter
from one of his buddies who is with the Armed Forces in the South
Pacific indicating ^{that a good} the kind of Democracy that was being practised among
the soldiers. LEE ended his talk by singing "MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE".

A CLAYTON POWELL - Brought the house down with a speech
"WHY A SEPARATE CELEBRATION IN HARLEM ON I AM AN AMERICAN DAY."
POWELL stated a day of National celebration should be made on the days
when GOVERNOR TALMADGE of Georgia and MARTIN DIES of Texas are burned
POWELL stated that we should fight until every minority group in this
country was accorded full democratic treatment. GEORGE WASHINGTON
CARVER SCHOOL was dedicated to the full Democratic principles of all
peoples and should receive everyone's support.

At this point he appealed for funds for the school and started with a check for \$50.00 himself. The total amount collected was approximately \$900.



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REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/30/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8, 9, 12, 20/44	REPORT MADE BY DANIEL J. GRIFFIN
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT with a <i>Mass</i> Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup, Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>100-56529 ref</i> Richard Beck Crosscup was married June 16, 1930 and granted a divorce decree May 29, 1936 charged with cruel and abusive treatment. Two children were born to the marriage. Crosscup's wife is remarried to James Pfeiffer. Crosscup was born July 24, 1905 at Dorchester, Massachusetts, graduated from Harvard University cum laude in 1927 receiving an AB degree and Boston University School of Education, Summer sessions, 1940 cum laude. In 1931 he worked as a janitor for the church and bank receiving \$40 per month until hired by Dean Donald Durrell of Boston University to work for him personally on research work and writing at \$60 per month. Dean Durrell secured a tutoring job for Crosscup, paying him \$90 per month. In 1934 Durrell secured a position for Crosscup with Dr. John French, founder and present headmaster of the Cambridge Upper School at Weston, Massachusetts, in charge of the remedial program. Crosscup was active in the Trade Union Movement as a member of a teachers' union and served as a delegate to the Boston Central Labor Union, State Federation of Labor Convention. Crosscup is described as very independent, has his own opinion of things and will express them regardless of to whom he may be talking, has his own philosophy on life to the extent of sharing his wife and marrying a colored woman. Informants have no knowledge that he was connected with the Communist Party this area. All the ideas he had on life were his own based on information received. It was deemed impractical to interview Crosscup's former wife. No information concerning subject in Boston file.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John J. Manning dated New York, March 23, 1944

DETAILS: The subject Gwendolyn Bennett with aliases is being considered a key figure in the New York Field Division.

The writer checked the records of the Massachusetts Probate Court, Pemberton Square, Boston, Massachusetts, and reviewed the divorce decree #16944, involving Alice Reed Champion Crosscup and Richard Beck Crosscup. According to the record, the couple was married June 16, 1930 and Mrs. Crosscup filed for a divorce against Richard B. Crosscup for cruel and abusive treatment March 16, 1936. The final decree was granted May 29, 1936. The divorce was uncontested by the husband Richard Crosscup. They list the following children - Martha born [redacted] and Joachim Crosscup born [redacted]. The attorney for the libellant was Richard Ballian, 294 Washington Street, Boston.

The writer reviewed the subject's record at the registrar's office at Harvard University, Cambridge, and ascertained that he was born July 24, 1905 at Dorchester, Massachusetts, his father's name being Louis Edwin Crosscup and his mother's name being Lillian Campbell Crosscup. He graduated from Quincy High School and Thayer Academy where he completed four years undergraduate literary work. He graduated from Harvard College in 1927 magna cum laude.

A review of the Professors and advisers was made by the writer and upon inquiry of Miss Rosalie S. Magruder was advised that his adviser is deceased and there is no one presently teaching at the college who would know the subject.

She referred the writer to the Decennial Report for 1937 which would be the subject's own account of his activity for ten years following his graduation from Harvard. The report was reviewed by the writer and it was found that the subject had the following to say:

Occupation - teacher, Cambridge School, Kendall Green, Massachusetts
Married - June 1930, divorced
Children - Martha, born [redacted]

The report continues: "During the fall and winter of 1930 I dug clams for a living in Maine. In the spring and summer of 1931 I did statistical work for an investment counselor and was also engaged in tutoring. I took a partnership in a school but the school failed. In the fall of 1931 and also of 1934 I worked as janitor of a church and of a bank. Since 1934 I have been in charge of the remedial program of the Cambridge School, Kendall Green, Massachusetts. I received my training at Boston University School of Education. I am presently active in a local trade union movement as a member of a teachers'

union. I served as delegate to the Boston Central Labor Union, State Federation of Labor and I am on the editorial staff of the American Teacher, the official magazine of the American Federation of Teachers.

The writer reviewed the subject's file at Boston University School of Education and ascertained that the subject first entered Boston University in 1933, and attended the summer classes off and on and finally graduated August 10, 1940, receiving an M. E. degree cum laude. His adviser was Dr. Donald Durrell who is now dean of the School of Education.

The writer interviewed Dean Donald Durrell who advised that he was very well acquainted with the subject. Dr. Durrell stated that he met the subject for the first time when he filed an application for entrance to the school of education. Dr. Durrell stated that he had the necessary qualifications to enter the school but was lacking in funds. According to Dr. Durrell, Crosscup was very careless about his dress and at the first meeting with Dr. Durrell, Crosscup was badly in need of a haircut, had a soiled shirt, no tie and made a very poor impression. At that time Crosscup was working as janitor in a church and a bank receiving \$40 a month. Durrell stated that he talked to Crosscup and told him he had the ability to write for magazines but Crosscup was not interested. Dr. Durrell advised the writer that in viewing his record he knew the subject was clever and therefore hired him personally to do work for him and write articles. Dr. Durrell paid Crosscup \$60 per month.

During his employment Dr. Durrell secured a tutoring job for the subject, paying him \$90 per month. As explained by Dr. Durrell Crosscup was up in the big money now, something that he was not interested in and so Crosscup hired another student to prepare his tutoring work for him, paying him for his work. Dr. Durrell stated that Crosscup wrote many fine articles which Dr. Durrell later sold for a considerable sum.

Dr. Durrell was responsible for securing a position with Dr. French, founder and present headmaster of the Cambridge Upper School, Weston, Massachusetts, for Crosscup.

Dr. Durrell stated that Crosscup was very polite and a likable chap but had a very odd way of looking at life. For example, his first wife came from a very low type family and the subject feeling sorry for the girl married her, and at the same time he himself not being in a position to support two people. His first wife Alice was artistically inclined and becoming dissatisfied after their marriage decided to go to New York to secure employment as an artist. She stayed in New York for one year, returning to Crosscup with a man by the name of James Pfeiffer, an artist on the WPA. Crosscup accepted the two into his home and the three lived together until the arrival of the second child. According to Dr. Durrell this was the cause of the divorce. The attitude adopted by Crosscup was if she prefers Pfeiffer over me I will divorce her. This was agreed upon by Alice, James Pfeiffer and Crosscup and accordingly the wife divorced Crosscup, the same being uncontested and later

remarried James Pfeiffer, however, the three continued to live together.

Dr. Durrell said Crosscup is a very convincing speaker and after listening to him on his ideas of life one will wonder who is crazy Crosscup or the listener.

Durrell stated it is his understanding that Crosscup is now married to a negress which does not surprise Dr. Durrell knowing Crosscup as he does.

According to Dr. Durrell Crosscup had no connection with the Communist Party in this area, however, he admits that Crosscup's philosophy is the same as that practiced by the Communist Party but they are strictly his own ideas. He believed in organized labor and was one of the members of the American Federation of Teachers in this district. About 1935 he tried to interest the Dean in joining the union but the Dean refused and no further pressure was brought by Crosscup. Dr. Durrell stated that Crosscup's first wife Alice had the same idea on life as Crosscup and talked on a very highly intellectual level but maintained a very low level.

Dr. Durrell stated that in view of the fact that the wife is of the same type as crosscup he is very doubtful whether anything would be gained by talking to her as it would not surprise him if Crosscup should return and the three would again live together.

The writer interviewed Professor John French, founder and headmaster of the Cambridge Upper School, Weston, Massachusetts, who advised that the subject became employed at his school as head of the Remedial program from September 1935 to June 1940, five school years. He described Crosscup as "a very independent cuss," very intellectual and a man who has the idea that the world is against him. He explained this by stating that Crosscup's father was a well-to-do man but lost his money and consequently Crosscup had to struggle to secure his education and figured that the world was against him all the way. He was interested in a teachers' union and active in the Teachers' Union located in Boston, Massachusetts, but never attempted to recruit any other teachers at the school.

If he wanted to talk about labor Crosscup would express his ideas regardless of who may be listening. Dr. French stated that Crosscup's economic ideas were on the Communist angle but he was not known to have any party affiliations.

Professor French stated that Crosscup was very honest, had his own opinions and expressed them.

Professor French had much the same idea of the subject's philosophy of life as that expressed by Dr. Durrell.

Professor French stated that he knew the subject's first wife but had very little respect for her. She was very sloppy, lived so to speak in the clouds,

was very intellectual and kept a very disorderly home. Crosscup's first wife is presently married to James Pfeiffer who is presently teaching at the Shady Hill School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, a rather exclusive school for well-to-do children. During the past few summers Mr. Pfeiffer has worked for Mrs. French at a summer camp in Maine. Professor French stated that Crosscup left his employment with him of his own accord and the circumstances surrounding his leaving are an interesting point.

Professor French stated that at the conclusion of the school year the faculty produces a play for the benefit of the children in which all the faculty take part. Crosscup wrote the play that was produced by the faculty one year and it was a very splendid job. About the same time Crosscup became acquainted with a young musician and based on the success Crosscup had in writing the school play he had the idea that he would become a success in writing musical comedies and accordingly the young musician and Crosscup went to New York to crash Broadway.

Professor French stated that Crosscup was smart enough to realize that he would have to maintain himself while in New York and secured a position as teacher at the Walden School in New York City as a grade school teacher. He taught the seventh or eighth grade. His only reason for accepting this position was for living expenses while he was making preparations to crash Broadway.

Professor French shared the thoughts of Dr. Durrell in connection with Crosscup's first wife, that she is so much like Crosscup on her ideas of life that it would be just as well to talk to Crosscup himself.

Professor French stated that Crosscup had one child MARTHA by his first wife and made it a point to support this child and accordingly Professor French stated that in order to help Crosscup support this child he enrolled Martha in the Cambridge Lower School operated by Professor French, tuition free. At the present time Martha is living with Crosscup's first wife in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He never heard of the second child, Joachim, but did say that Alice and James Pfeiffer have a young child about two years old at the present time.

It should be noted that the only records that disclosed the birth of the second child, Joachim, [REDACTED] is the divorce decree. The statements of the subject in the Harvard Decennial report mentions only one child, Martha.

Based on the information received from Professor French and Dr. Durrell it was deemed impractical to interview Crosscup's former wife, Alice Reed Champion Crosscup.

A check of the indices of the Boston office fails to reveal any information concerning the subject Gwendolyn Bennett.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that at one of the American Youth Congress meetings June 19, 1936 it was proposed Richard Crosscup of the CIU speak on War and Fascism instead of Mr. Turner. The motion was carried ten to eight.

Confidential Informant T-1 further advised in January 1938 the Massachusetts Youth Congress sponsored a model state youth legislature to be held January 8 and 9, 1938. As part of the program on Sunday, January 9 at 1 PM was a round table discussion. Labor was to be discussed by Richard Crosscup.

No record was contained in the Boston indices on James Pfeiffer.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will contact the proper authorities at the Walden School, New York City for any further information concerning Richard Crosscup's activities while teaching at this school.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant T-1 is the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey dated at Boston, Massachusetts, December 17, 1941 entitled American Youth Congress, pages six and one hundred thirty.

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New York, New York

July 19, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

RE: MAX YERGAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto are 2 memoranda furnished by Confidential Informant NY - 3, dated May 31, 1944, and June 1, 1944, reflecting that a luncheon engagement was scheduled to be held on June 1, 1944, at the office of MAX YERGAN, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, at 1:00 P.M.

According to the information furnished to NY - 3, in addition to MAX YERGAN and his secretary, the following persons are believed to have been invited to attend said meeting:

PAUL ROBINSON

SOPHIE GROPPER

MRS. WEINSTEIN

FREDERICK SMITH, Vice President and National Secretary, IWO
OKEH, believed to be (RENDOLIN BIERST), Director of the
George Washington Carver School, and instructor in the
Jefferson School.

Later, [redacted] was advised that MIRIAM WILSON and SAM DEATH had also been invited to attend the meeting.

Confidential Informant T-1 [redacted]

At 12:55 P.M., June 1, 1944, MAX YERGAN was observed in his secretary's office talking with an unidentified man, colored. The unidentified man was observed leaving the office.

At 1:30 P.M., YERGAN'S secretary was observed coming from his office with a gray hat and she hung it behind the door in her office.

At 1:55 P.M., PAUL ROBINSON was observed coming from YERGAN'S office in company with the latter's secretary. YERGAN'S secretary

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MEMORANDUM:

proceeded to make a phone call while BONISCI thumbed through a small pocket notebook. Apparently the call was unsuccessful, and they both returned to YERGAN'S office.

At 2:01 P.M., FREDERICK FINEB was observed coming from YERGAN'S office and attempted to make a telephone call which likewise appeared to be unsuccessful, and FINEB returned to YERGAN'S office.

At 2:20 P.M. the surveillance was discontinued at that point and was continued outside the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

At 2:35 P.M., FERNANDO C. SMITH was observed by Agents leaving the building at 23 West 26th Street.

At 2:40 P.M., two men, one of whom was identified as ABE HELLER, and an unidentified woman were observed leaving the building at that address.

Immediately thereafter, two men, subsequently identified as ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and SAMUEL LEVIN, and an unidentified woman, left the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. After proceeding to the corner of 26th Street and 5th Avenue, TRACHTENBERG and LEVIN stood on that corner talking for approximately 45 minutes.

After they parted, LEVIN proceeded to his office at 251 Fifth Avenue.

HOWARD W. LITTLE,
SA.

Attachments (2)

CC: NY #100-25857
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100-57613
100-21421
100-56529

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that subject was a member of the Communist Party and that about 1939 she attended a communist school located near Kingston, New York, operated by SAM KRAMBERG, an official of the State Committee of the Communist Party in 1943. Subject's activities at present consist solely in directing the affairs of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL of which the subject is the director. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that at the present time the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL does not appear to be very active and may be in poor financial condition. On May 21, 1944, the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL held "I AM AN AMERICAN DAY" program in Harlem; about 12,000 people attended; approximately \$900 collected and the Reverend CLAYTON POWELL, Jr., Dr. GENE WELTFISH, co-author of "THE RACES OF MANKIND", MAX YERGAN and CANADA LEE spoke.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-293468.
Report of Special Agent John J. Manning, dated March 23, 1944, at New York.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

Thirty-day mail cover placed on subject and her husband RICHARD B. CROSSCUP at their residence, 2 West 120 Street, failed to produce any information of value.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised the writer that he has seen the subject in Party Headquarters from time to time and that she was definitely a member of the Communist Party. He stated that he distinctly remembers seeing the subject about 1939 when she attended a communist school located near Kingston, New York, operated by SAM KRAMBERG, an official of the State Committee of the Communist Party, in 1943. According to the informant, this school was located on a farm near Kingston and was the gathering place for the intellectuals of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] was not sure but believed GWENDOLYN BENNETT traveled to Moscow during a summer vacation around 1937 or 1938. According to [redacted] the subject is also friendly with MATT HALE, 60 East 11th Street, New York City, the organizer of Camp WO-CHI-CA (Workers' Children Camp) as well as ABE TAUBER, 55 West 95th Street, Director of the Camp and MAC WEISMAN, same address as TAUBER's, Educational Director of the Camp and teacher in the Workers' School.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised the reporting agent that he overheard a conversation between DAVID GOLDWAY, New York State Educational Director and BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., as well as a conversation between GWENDOLYN BENNETT and DAVID GOLDWAY. The informant advised that the substance of the conversation which took place between GOLDWAY and DAVIS was to the effect that GOLDWAY contacted BEN DAVIS to discuss the problems of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL and GOLDWAY suggested that MAX YERGAN be invited to join in the discussion at some later date. At the time of the discussion GOLDWAY advised DAVIS that GWENDOLYN BENNETT appeared to be working more or less single-handedly on the project and was apparently not getting much assistance. To this DAVIS replied that he felt GWENDOLYN BENNETT was sharing most of the burden and he felt the problems of the school, the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, should be handled in similar fashion to those arising in connection with the JEFFERSON SCHOOL. DAVIS suggested the name of BEN RICHARDSON, communist minister in Harlem, as an individual who might be of assistance to GWENDOLYN BENNETT in the handling of the affairs of the school. GOLDWAY advised that he didn't like RICHARDSON particularly but that he did not know too much about him. DAVIS stated that RICHARDSON had his highest recommendation and stated that he (RICHARDSON) not only has certain individual views and certain developments growing out of his individual strength and convictions but he also is very much in favor of associating himself with DAVIS and GOLDWAY in every sort of way.

Both DAVIS and GOLDWAY agreed that something had to be done to develop the school and that if it was planned properly they had

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an opportunity for big things. The informant also advised that he overheard a conversation between GOLDWAY and BENNETT to the effect that the problems of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL were becoming very serious and the school was in danger of closing because of lack of financial assistance.

According to the informant, GWENDOLYN BENNETT stated "I think I am going to quit. I am tired of this job of operating the school. It's terrific. I don't even have money to pay rent with this time." To this GOLDWAY replied "I certainly don't blame you. I'll tell you what I'll do. Suppose I work on trying to get a few hundred dollars to tide you over and get you to pay some of your debts and have money for salaries." The informant advised that BENNETT agreed to this but advised him that the meeting would have to take place very soon. He was unable to furnish any additional information about this meeting and its outcome.

Confidential Informant T-1 also advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT informed DAVID GOLDWAY that she was going to Washington, D. C., about April 19 and that while there she intended to see prominent Government Officials. She also advised GOLDWAY that she intended to see RUTH BENEDICT while in Washington and would stay with BETTY WHITE'S mother while there to save expenses. The purpose of BENNETT'S attempt to see prominent Government Officials in Washington was not known and the informant was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the matter.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised the writer that HOPE STEVENS, negro attorney with offices located at 209 West 125th Street, appeared to be the attorney for Miss GWENDOLYN BENNETT and the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL. The informant stated that he learned Miss BENNETT was having difficulty with the payment of the rent for the school building and there was talk of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL being forced out of its present quarters and being compelled to seek a new location. In this respect, Miss BENNETT had talked with MAX YERGAN and stated she would try to fight the matter if she could. The informant stated that an individual known as JOHN J. HYNES, 1146 St. Nicholas Avenue, was believed to be the agent in charge of the property where the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL is located. The present owner of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL building is the 355 East 11th Street Corporation, New York City.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he has made several visits to the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL and that the enrolled student body appears to have

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dropped off considerably. The informant believed that this was partially due to the summer vacations, also to lack of interest on the part of the negroes in Harlem. He also advised that he heard rumors to the effect that they were having difficulties in paying their rent and their staff.

Confidential Informant [] attended a meeting of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL on Sunday afternoon, May 21 at 3:00 o'clock at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 112nd Street and Lenox Avenue. The affair was a FOLK FESTIVAL celebrating I AM AN AMERICAN DAY. The program obtained by the informant is set out below:

" THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
cordially invites you to attend a
FOLK FESTIVAL
celebrating
I AM AN AMERICAN DAY
on
Sunday, Afternoon, May Twenty-First
at three o'clock
at the
GOLDEN GATE BALLROOM
112nd Street and Lenox Ave.,
New York

Reserved Seats: \$2.00, \$1.20
General Admission: 60 cents
Tax included on all tickets.

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"In time of war the songs of the people rally the spirits of those who fight against Fascism for a free world. In time of peace the songs and dances of the different nations are the

"warp and woof around which the people's culture is woven and made strong. Mindful of this, the George Washington Carver School takes this opportunity, through their songs and dances, to pay tribute to the Allied Nations and the oppressed peoples of the earth who are giving their lives today that we may live in a better world. Any patriotic celebration of the American people must take into consideration the varied streams of culture that have flowed into our Nation. Any concept of peace must take note of the need for cooperation among all peoples, here and abroad. The future of our Nation will be secure only through the full participation of all its people--Negro and white, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, native and foreign-born.

"The foremost leaders of the Allied Nations have declared their intention to fight in unison for the elimination of Fascism from the face of the earth and to work in unified cooperation for a lasting peace. Here at home such unison and cooperation must be the core of our war effort and the unqualified goal of our peace. Unity is the precept around which our American ideals were built and must be maintained. It is in this spirit that we celebrate I Am An American Day by presenting a folk festival around the theme: 'UNITED, WE MARCH FORWARD AS ONE NATION!'"

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"PROGRAM

INVOCATION

Rev. Charles Y. Trigg, Pastor--Salem A.M.E. Church

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GROUP SINGERS:

Hall Johnson Choir, Finnish Women's Choir, Chinese People's Chorus

SOLOISTS:

Aubrey Pankey, Baritone
Laura Staska

South American Folk Songs
Czechoslovakian Folk Songs
Pianist--H. A. Schimmerling,
Musical Director of the Czechoslovak Choral Society of N. Y.

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"Jeronimo Villarino, Singing Guitarist
Efin Vitis
Liu Liango-Mo

Flamenco Songs
Russian Songs
Soloist with Chinese
People's Chorus

DANCERS:

Pearl Primus

The Negro Speaks of
Rivers
Poem by Langston Hughes
Music by Sarah Malament
Recitation by Gordon Heath

Jane Dudley of the Martha Graham
Dancers
Josephine Premice-Phinks

Harmonica Breakdown
Haitian Dance

Jimmy Savo,
Comedian from Cafe Society Uptown

Mary Lou William,
Boogie-Woogie Pianist

All-Star Quartette:

Toddy Wilson, Pianist from Cafe Society Uptown
Sidney Catlett, Drummer from The Three Deuces
Ben Webster, Saxophonist, with the Kirby Orchestra
Al Lucas, Bass Violinist

SPEAKERS:

Miss Gene Weltfish, co-author of Public Affairs,
pamphlet--"The Race of Mankind"

Dr. Max Yergan, Council on African Affairs

Race and Nationality
The George Washington
Carver School

Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr.

Developing the Thinking
Citizen

Hale Woodruff

Art and the People

CHAIRMAN:

Gwendolyn Bennett, Director of the George Washington Carver School "

Informant's report concerning the above-mentioned celebra-
tion is as follows:

"TIME: 4 P.M. - CLOSED: 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 1200. Most of which were the intelligencia, Inter Racial groups and service-men in uniform.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - GWENDOLYN BENNETT,
Director of George Washington Carver School.

"The invocation was offered by the REVEREND CHARLES Y. TRIGG, Pastor of Salem A.M.E. Church. The National Anthem was sung. Hall Johnson Choir Sang. Solos were sung by AUBREY PANKEY and Miss LAMA STASKA, a Czechoslovakian. TEDDY WILSON, Quartette from Cafe Society Uptown offered a couple of numbers.

SPEAKERS

"Miss GENE WELTFISH, Co-Author of Public Affair pamphlet "THE RACES OF MANKIND", said that all men given the same training and opportunities were equal. She endorsed the George Washington Carver School; said it was a credit to the Negroes of this community and was deserving of the support of all races.

"DR. MAX YERGAN, Council of African Affairs, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Carver School, welcomed the groups and told of the progress of the school which was encouraging and asked for continued support by people of Harlem.

"CANADA LEE was introduced at this time. He read a letter from one of his buddies who is with the Armed Forces in the South Pacific indicating that a good kind of Democracy that was being practiced among the soldiers in that area. LEE ended his talk by singing "MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE".

"A CLAYTON POWELL - Brought the house down with a speech 'WHY A SEPARATE CELEBRATION IN HARLEM ON I AM AN AMERICAN DAY.' POWELL stated a day of National celebration should be made on the days when GOVERNOR TALMADGE of Georgia and MARTIN DIES of Texas are burned. POWELL stated that we should fight until every minority group in this country was accorded full democratic treatment. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL

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"was dedicated to the full Democratic principles of all peoples and should receive everyone's support.

At this point he appealed for funds for the school and started with a check for \$50.00 himself. The total amount collected was approximately \$900.



JOHN A. BRANN, Work Projects Administration, Sub-Treasury Building, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York City, was interviewed by the writer in regard to additional information regarding the activities of the subject. He advised that he was unable to furnish any additional information not previously reported but that he felt any one of the following individuals might be of assistance in obtaining information concerning her:

WILFRED BAIN
32 Orange Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Telephone: MAine 4-2268

AUGUSTA SAVAGE, (address unknown)
Formerly a sculpturer connected with the
Art Project in the Harlem Center where
the subject formerly worked.

HERMAN RAPPORT
99 East 4th Street

MAX MOUGEL
Minneford Avenue
City Island, New York

Additional investigation conducted in the vicinity of 57 West 125th Street, where the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL is located, and 2 West 120th Street by Special Agent William A. Costello and the reporting agent, indicates that RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, husband of the subject, is at the present time engaged in Camp activities outside of New York City.

The subject GWENDOLYN BENNETT appears to be engaged solely in directing the activities of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York City, N. Y. - Will endeavor to obtain handwriting specimens of the subject and will report all communist activities concerning the subject and the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, with which she is affiliated.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent John J. Manning, dated August 22, 1944, at New York, New York, are as follows:

- T-1 - [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-2 - [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, N. Y.

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100-56529

September 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On September 1, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished the writer with a report on background information of the above captioned individual. The informant's report is attached. Duplicate copies have been placed in the other pertinent files concerned.

JOHN J. MANNING
Special Agent

CC- NY File No. 100-51181
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Gwendolyn Bennett (Negro)

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Attended Communist Professional summer School in summer of 1937 or 1938. This school had 40 or 50 teachers and intellectuals from all over the country. It was a two month course. Bennett

became one of the active and honor students of this course.

It was held at ^{Brickhls} ~~Brickhls~~ Farm upstate New York, not far from Kingston.

A short distance from Brickhls Farm was another huge farm, known as

Bergmans Farm. This ^{also} catered to state ^{N.Y} ~~professional~~ professional and intellectuals who was being groomed for communist activity.

Bennett was sent to ~~the~~ do Front Work and was never seen in direct party circles. She met however with small groups of leading communists for instructions usually in apartment houses.

Now officiates on George Washington Carver School and Thomas Jefferson School. Both Communist Fronts.

Negro light brown about 33 about 142 lbs.

5 feet 2 short stocky dark smooth hair dark eyes

dresses well Married a white student of the school an aristocrat from Mass.

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United States Department of Justice**

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New York, N. Y.
September 13, 1944

MEMORANDUM

Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT,
with aliases;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

On September 5, 1944, the Security Index Card and the file
of GWENDOLYN BENNETT were checked and found to correspond.

DONALD T. KLINGLER,
Special Agent.

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New York, 7, New York

November 14, 1944

MEMORANDUM

RE: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

On October 26, 1944 Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted MISS BENNETT, the Director of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, in order to obtain a booklet regarding the course and the names of the instructors at the school for the Fall term.

The names of the professors attached to this school have been indexed and cases will be opened on those individuals on whom a file does not already exist.

A copy of the informant's report concerning his visit with MISS BENNETT is attached hereto. Duplicate copies are being directed to the appropriate files.

JOHN J. MANNING
Special Agent

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New York N.Y.

26 October 1944

Re; George Washington Carver School
57 West 125 Street
New York N.Y.

Visited the George Washington Carver School today and talked with Miss Bennett the director.

I was told that the purpose of this school was to prepare people for better citizens and a better and free world. That the post war world would present many problems and we must be able to meet them in an enlightened manner and the school was the medium through which every aid possible would be given. To cope with the issues of the new world and to assume them with dignity and understanding was need for study.

The school was founded one year ago ~~today~~ this month and has had some two thousand persons attend their classes and lectures and a like number to attend other meetings sponsored by the school. The enrollment for this term is two hundred and ninetyfour.

I have been put on the mailing list and promised to attend some of the lectures.



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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New York, New York
November 18, 1944

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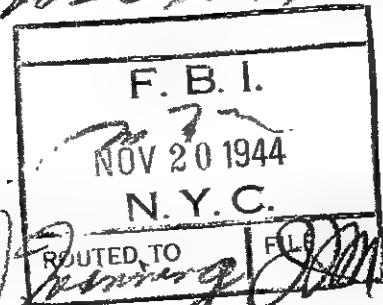
**RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

The file of the above-captioned Subject has been reviewed by the writer in regard to its substance and form, and it appears to be correct and complete.

The security index card on file on the Subject GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was checked with the case file, No. 100-56529, and found to correspond.

The Subject's case file has been placed in a pending inactive status as of November 18, 1944. A report should be submitted on or before February 22, 1945.

JOHN J. MANNING
Special Agent



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Director, FBI

November 18, 1944

SAC, New York

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File No. 100-293468)

Information received by this office indicates that the Subject's entire time and effort appears to be centered around the George Washington Carver School, Negro Communist front organization located at 57 West 125th Street, New York City. The Subject is the Director of the above-mentioned school.

Informants of this office state that the Subject at the present time appears to have little if any activity in general Communist Party affairs.

In view of the above information, the Subject's case is being placed in a pending inactive status at this time. A report will be submitted on or before February 22, 1945. ✓

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FRONT

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, artist, poet, and fighter for her people, whose name has often been in the forefront of progressive new ventures in the cultural and educational world, is now busily preparing for the October 2nd. opening of the

George Washington Carver School of which she is director. . . . A product herself of leading universities here and abroad, she looks upon education as a weapon for winning economic, social, and political democracy for the people.

. . . . A graduate of local public schools and Columbia University, she began while still very young to gain recognition for her poems and her paintings. Later, she studied art at the Academie Julien, Paris; and the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Penna. . . . She taught art classes at Howard University, and before coming to the Carver School was director of the Harlem Community Art Center.

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**Course on Negro
At Carver School**

A five-day course on The Negro and the Nation is being sponsored jointly by the Carver School, the Jefferson School and The People's Voice. Sessions will be held from 9 am to 1 pm daily, December 11 to 15, at the Carver School, 57 W 125 st. The five-day program of lectures and discussions is organized around the following topics:

Historical background of The Negro Problem, the Negro in American life today, the Negro and organized labor, contributions of the Negro to American life, and post war problems and perspectives for the Negro in American life will be presented.

A wide range of noted leaders in different phases of American life are being invited to lead discussions on the several topics included in the course. Among the instructors already announced are Edward Lewis, secretary of the New York Urban League; Thomas Richardson, national vice-president of the United Federal Workers of America (CIO); Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the Carver School; Dr. William Alpheus Hunton, educational director of the Council on African Affairs; and Doxey A. Wilkerson, executive editor of the People's Voice.

The course is open to the general public at a charge of \$5 per the series of lecture-discussions. Registrations are being accepted at the Carver School and at the Jefferson School, 575 6th av.

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D. LLEWELLYN RANSOM

Among the special emphases of this year's program at the Carver School are courses in trade union history and organization, current news, music, art and consumer education and many others. Added to the staff are Dorsey A. Wilkerson, author, edu-



Both schools are now registering students for the fall term.



CLEVELAND—At a ceremony during a special rally last Sunday, Bishop M. L. Jewell, senior bishop and overseer of the Church of the Living God, burned the mortgage on the congregation's \$10,000 building. Purchased in 1933, Bishop Jewell was given 10 years to pay for the building, but she accomplished the task in five years and added many improvements.

REGISTER NOW!
for the 1944 Fall Term of the
GEORGE WASHINGTON
CARVER SCHOOL
57 West 125th Street New York 27, N.Y.

PARTIAL LIST OF COURSES:

Negro History	Latin	Oral and Written
American History	Trigonometry	English Composition
Race Relations	Geometry	French
Psychology	Algebra	Spanish

TUITION: \$100.00



PAINTERS ARCHIE NIGHTINGALE, Albert Hill and Lloyd Jenkins, members of the Painters Union, District Council 9, AFL, doing preliminary work on the job they will do for the Gospel of the Tabernacle Church on their union's "Work for Victory" day, September 30. Along with the 10,000 other members of the union, they will donate their pay checks on that day to 25 war relief agencies (Foto by Tommy Weber).

Ickes Accuses Dewey Of Wild "Double-Talk"

GRAND RAPIDS—Speaking before the ninth annual convention of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, here last week, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes sharply criticized the charge by Thomas E. Dewey that the Roosevelt administration did not intend to demobilize armed forces as quickly as possible as "reckless and baseless."

"Presidents are not made in the US by deceitful double-talk indulged in recklessly in the hope of deceiving the voters," Secretary Ickes said, continuing that he found it "disturbing" that Dewey, "in his reckless quest for votes has stopped to pluck the heart-strings of every American mother wife, sweetheart and child over every soldier and sailor throughout the world with a charge that is as false as any ever promulgated by Goebbels."

Among the things Dewey has either bitterly denounced or criticized, Ickes listed

- lend lease bill (he reversed himself shortly afterward);

- the administration's recognition of the Soviet Union (he reversed himself when the Red Army was well on the road to Berlin);

- the ability of the US to construct 50,000 airplanes a year.

"As a leader, he has had to reverse himself on almost every thing," the Secretary said. "He has been dizzy trying to keep up with the parade as evidenced by public opinion polls. He has constantly been marching toward the rear to a position prepared in advance."

Philly Strike Appeaser Out

Accused by Transport Workers' Union officials of having given "aid and comfort and advice to the strike leaders" in the August strike of Philadelphia transit employees against the upgrading of Negro workers, Orville Bullitt, regional director of the War Labor Board, resigned from that agency.

The charges against Bullitt were made by Michael Quill, Transport Workers' Union president and James Fitzsimmons, vice-president, whose union took a firm stand against granting the "white supremacy" demands of the strikers.

Bullitt returns to his former occupation as a banker. Ralph Senter, president of the Philly transit company has also resigned his post since a Federal grand jury began investigating the bigwigs.

(Ed. Note: It seems that blood will tell. Orville Bullitt's anti-American sympathies are close to those of his brother Wm. C. Bullitt, who favored French collaboration with the Nazis and whose recent article in 'Life' magazine advocated an Anglo-American war against the USSR).

LABOR looks AHEAD

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

No Time For Strikes Now

THE STIFF RES STANCE against extending the no-strike pledge put up by one wing of the United Auto Workers at the Grand Rapids Convention on last week's of a piece with the management-inspired Philadelphia outland transit strike.



SMITH

Organized labor's record in living up to the pledge made eleven days after Pearl Harbor is better than 99 per cent perfect. (According to US Department of Labor's 1943 report, the ratio of man days lost through strikes to time lost was 8,100 of 1 per cent).

The maintenance of that pledge has restrained walkouts provoked to keep Negroes out of plants or to prevent their upgrading in plants where they are already employed. The wildcat strike against Negro workers in the Wright Aeronautical Plant was brought under control by UAW's firm application of the Convention's no-strike pledge.

On the production line the maintenance of that pledge increased production to the phenomenal rate of 600 per cent in two years—producing and delivering six times as many tanks and planes and jeeps and guns to the men in the foxholes as industrial engineers thought possible in 1941.

We are on the eve of victory abroad. To relax the no-strike pledge now in one industry would precipitate a wave of strikes in every industry, disrupt vital production at the most crucial moment in the war, and play into the hands of opponents of the Administration's proposals for planned orderly transition from war production to peacetime economy.

Strikes at this time will serve as a smoke-screen beclouding the issues of the soldiers' vote, adequate compensation to men and women demobilized from the armed services and unemployment insurance and severance pay to workers in war plants.

On the eve of victory abroad we must continue united to assure a victorious peace at home.

Smith Re-elected To NMU Post

Ferdinand C. Smith, labor leader and fighter for the rights of the Negro people who is being honored with a testimonial dinner at the Commodore Hotel this Wednesday night, was re-elected secretary of the National Maritime Union in the recent biennial elections for the next two-year period, as was Joseph Curran, president of the union.

In announcing election results, Mr. Curran declared: "This election brings into focus the 100 per cent rank and file democracy existing in the union and guaranteed by our constitution." Other officers re-elected included M. Hedley Stone, treasurer and vice-presidents Howard McKenzie, Jack Lawrenson and Frederick W. Myers.

Union Membership On the Upgrade!

WASHINGTON (FP)—Union membership today is almost five times that of 10 years ago and the Dept. of Labor shows 90% in aluminum fabrication, automobiles, men's clothing, non-ferrous metal

smelting, shipbuilding and basic steel, is covered by collective bargaining agreements.

In January, 1944, the CIO Economic Outlook reported Sept. 11 in its new Facts of Current Interest, 60% of all workers in manufacturing were covered by collective bargaining agreements. Of the 5 million workers participating in NLRB elections through March, 1944, 80% chose a union to represent them.

THURSDAY
Sept. 21
at 8 p.m.

RALLY for ROOSEVELT

FREDRIC MARCH
CHAIRMAN

HONORED SPEAKER
VICE-PRESIDENT

HENRY A. WALLACE

JO DAVIDSON
CHANNING TOBIAS
HARLOW SHAPLEY

DOROTHY MAYNOR
SINCLAIR LEWIS
BETTE DAVIS

SERGE KOUSSEVITZKY
Conductor, Boston Symphony Orchestra

And Many Other Stage, Screen and Radio Stars

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TICKETS 60c to \$2.40

At Suite 170—Hotel Astor, Cl. 6 5412, & Ticket Brokers



NERIAH RICHARDSON, who has worked in the Tank House of the United States Metals Refining Company for the past 24 years without interruption. He is a crane operator, whose job is transferring copper anodes and cathodes from one crane tank to another. His home is in Perth Amboy, N. J.

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Director, FBI

December 14, 1944

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GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL;
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A five-day course on "The Negro and the Nation" is being sponsored jointly by the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL and the JEFFERSON SCHOOL, and the PEOPLE'S VOICE, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily from December 11 to December 15, 1944 at the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, 57 West 125th Street.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, will attend at least three sessions of this course and will endeavor to obtain complete notes as to what transpires during the entire session.

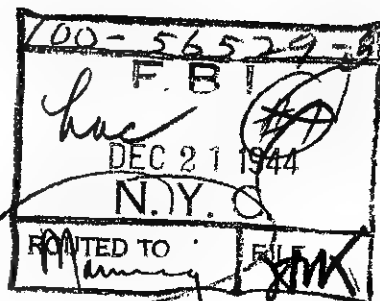
All information concerning this matter will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

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"THE NEGRO AND THE NATION," one week morning course given jointly by the Jefferson School, George Washington Carver School, People's Voice, starts Monday, Dec. 11th through 15th at the George Washington Carver School, 57 West 125th St. Outstanding lecturers include: Dokey Wilkerson, Gwendolyn Bennett, Alphacus Hunton, Thomas Hutchinson and others. The fee is \$5.00. Registration at both Jefferson and Carver School offices.



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Attention: FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York

February 22, 1945

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-293468)

Herewith is submitted for inclusion in the National Security file five photostatic copies of a handwriting specimen of the above captioned subject. Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining sufficient handwriting specimens of the subject in view of the fact that most of her correspondence and work is done by typewriter. Every effort will be made to obtain more comprehensive additional specimens of the subject's handwriting, and the same will be forwarded to the Bureau as they are received.

Enclosures (5)

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. 100-56529 RFH

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE FEB 22 1945	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/5,8,23;10/30; 11/14,18,25;12/12, 14,26/44; 2/10, 19/45	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. MANNING
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Major portion of subject's activity confined to the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL of which she is the Director. BENNETT also teaches at JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, alleged Communist dominated organization located at 575 6th Avenue, NYC.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-293468.
Report of Special Agent John J. Manning dated August 22, 1944 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised this office that he visited the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL on September 3, 1944 in an attempt to contact Miss BENNETT. The subject was not present at the school at the time and the informant inquired of the progress of the school from Miss BENNETT'S secretary, whose identity was not learned. The secretary advised the informant that the school was anything but successful as far as enrollment was concerned. She advised that at that time the school did not appear to be "catching" on with the negroes in Harlem. The informant advised that the school itself appeared to be disarranged, dirty, and more or less abandoned (P)

At a later date the above informant contacted GWENDOLYN BENNETT who advised him that the school was moderately successful and that its purpose was to enable the negro to cope with the problems of the new world and to assure

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him of a place in the postwar plan of things. (c)

Confidential Informant [] attended a series of lectures given by the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, entitled, "The Negro and the Nation." The informant advised that Miss BENNETT opened the course and introduced the various instructors to the student body. At that time the subject stated that the course "The Negro and the Nation" was jointly sponsored by the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, and the "PEOPLES VOICE", negro Communist newspaper. Miss BENNETT advised that the idea of a joint session of both schools originated with HAROLD COLLINS, known Communist instructor at the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE. (c)

[] submitted a report concerning the lecture given by GWENDOLYN BENNETT on current problems. The informant's report concerning this matter is set forth below: (c)

Miss BENNETT said that the negro pledged allegiance to the flag 100%. According to her this was both the curse and the hope. "We have all races, creeds and colors warring against each other. Sympathy is not enough, we must have a permanent F.E.P.C. to end "Jim Crow" in the Armed Forces and in wartime industry. We should do away with mistreatment of all minority groups and extend the privileges to the negro and all minority groups in this country. Miss BENNETT stated that we have three different types of people dealing with the problem. The conservatives who are content to let things stay as they are; another group that is satisfied that the negro is not qualified for equal rights; and a third group that thinks the negro is lazy, immoral, and should be kept down." (c)

Miss BENNETT stated that "the real reason the negro was retarded in an intellectual group was because he was relegated to the fields and the woods." (c)

Miss BENNETT stated that we have "Jim Crow" right here in our midst — in the theatres, in the dining places, and even in the church itself. Miss BENNETT declared that all minority groups originated with the germs of Fascism — the rule of the many by the few. (c)

Miss BENNETT stated that one cannot stand complacently by and swallow the teachings of the South." Fascism is unscientific and against all reason. (c)

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If we are human beings we must react against injustice. (e)

Confidential Informant [] advised the reporting agent that at the present time the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL appears to be in poor financial condition and will have to be subsidized by someone in order to continue. (e)

Confidential Informant T-1 advised the reporting agent that on September 18, 1944 he overheard a conversation between BEN DAVIS, negro Communist councilman, and an unknown woman, believed to be GWENDOLYN BENNETT, to the effect that after GIL (believed to be GIL GREEN) had written her a letter (meaning GWENDOLYN BENNETT'S letter) a meeting was held on the matter of giving aid to the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, and as a result \$500.00 was to be donated to the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL. (e)

The unknown woman asked DAVIS how she was to go about obtaining the money, and he stated, "You just come down here and get it, and worry later about how it is to be entered." The woman asked to whom she was to go and he stated, "Go to see DAVE LEEDS" (Communist Party functionary). (e)

A review of the 1944 catalogue of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE indicates that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was an instructor in "Art, History, and Appreciation."

The JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, /575 Sixth Avenue, New York City, was contacted by the reporting agent under suitable pretext and the following information obtained:

At the present time GWENDOLYN BENNETT is an instructor on the staff of the above mentioned school and is teaching two classes on Wednesday evenings. The first class is from 7:10 to 8:40 P. M. and is entitled, "Art, History, and Appreciation of the Late Renaissance. The second class is from 8:50 to 10:20 P. M. and is on modern art.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised the reporting agent that GWENDOLYN BENNETT submitted a complete three page memorandum to ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, Director of Publicity for the COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, and Secretary and Treasurer of the INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS INCORPORATED, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The memorandum submitted by GWENDOLYN BENNETT to TRACHTENBERG sets forth information concerning the need, scope, faculty, student body, organization, and so forth of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, and is set forth below: (e)

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" Discussion Notes on the George Washington Carver School.
Submitted by Gwendolyn Bennett - Monday, July 19th, 1943 (e)

"NEED

In view of the rapidly changing political and social attitudes engendered by the war and the growing indignation among the Negro people against discrimination and segregation the opening of the Carver School as a broad educational center in Harlem seems exceedingly timely. Recent riots against the Negro people stirred up by Fifth Columnist who wish to hinder the war effort and heighten race-hatred among the American people adds another cogent reason why such a school, opened under the proper auspices, should succeed at this time. The fact that no people's school, catering to the needs of all sections of the population who wish to know and understand the world we live in, exists in the Greater New York area gives another reason why the Carver School situated in Harlem, the recognized Negro metropolis of America, should fill a real need. If founded and operated on a broad, non-partisan base, such a school should become an educational institution of national significance in the lives of Negro Americans. (e)

"SCOPE

The Carver School should embrace all sections of the Harlem Community. The breadth of its scope should never be neglected. Its governing board, executive committee, and other functioning committees should include: Negro and white leaders of New York City, representatives of Negro churches, Negro trade-unionists, office workers, civic leaders of all shades of political conviction, representatives of the Negro press, prominent cultural figures, representatives of parent and teacher groups - in short all those people, Negro and white, who can and are willing to give the school wise, courageous, and objective direction toward its goal of developing mature leadership and citizenry among the Negro people around a policy of winning the people's war in which our nation is engaged and contributing substantially to the people's peace which will come with victory for the Allied Nations. (e)

"The School should be launched as a non-partisan school. It should be understood that the School operates to further in everyway a program in keeping with true patriotism and understanding of the meaning of American democracy. Although the Carver School shall be a people's school in every sense welcoming all sections of the American population, it should be thought of primarily as

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"a school that turns its attention especially to the needs of the Negro people. Although non-partisan in character, it should be understood that the Carver School does not exclude the participation of any group that stands behind the nation at war and which does not seek to disrupt the full development of the people's culture. Although non-political as to general orientation, it should be understood that the School, the Faculty, and students reserve the right to examine the national and international political scene and to act upon their findings, in a forthright, courageous manner. (c)

"FACULTY

"The faculty shall be drawn from the men and women at present teaching in various universities and other institutions, from the leadership of progressive trade unions, and other organizations, from groups of civic and political leaders or from other groups that will contribute to the broad concept of education which the School shall foster. Outstanding scholars, teachers, and leaders from many fields of study will be welcomed. Although completely democratic in character, the faculty, wherever possible, should draw on Negro scholars at work in a given field. (c)

"STUDENT BODY

"To be drawn from all sections of the population. Attention would be directed especially toward attracting workers in industry, in the white collar fields and the professions, members of Negro churches, and other community organizations. (c)

"CURRICULUM

"To consist of courses covering various fields of interest to people of varied backgrounds and interests and degrees of preparation. (c)

"The curriculum shall include such basic courses as:

(c) ["The Negro People and the War
American History
Trade Unionism and the Negro People
The Negro and His Government
Current Events or the World Today
Religion and Society
Economics and the Citizen
The Colonial People and the War,
and others. (c)]

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"In addition large numbers of cultural and general courses should be included as the student body and the need warrants. (e)

"In addition to the regular courses special study groups should be arranged for groups who wish to study special topics not offered in the general curriculum or who wish to do advanced seminar work in a given field. (e)

"The School will arrange forum and public lectures. (e)

"An extension and lecture department shall give service to trade union, church, and other groups as the need arises. (e)

"LIBRARY

"The School should establish a library which will concentrate on books concerning and by Negroes in addition to basic works on general subjects. (e)

"PUBLICATION:

"The School should work toward a future publication (magazine) which will give scholarly accounts of problems and topics of interest to the Negro people and their friends. A fund should be established for the future publication of pamphlets and books that will contribute to the specialized field of Negro life. (e)

"FINANCES:

"Due to the general poverty of the Harlem community it must be understood that the Carver School will not be self-sustaining. It must be noted here that even those residents of Harlem who have the financial means are not trained in the custom of giving substantially to worthy causes. The nominal fees collected from the students will meet only a small part of the expenses of the school. Funds for the school shall be raised through the contributions of friends or supporters of the school and through benefits, concerts, dinners etc. It should be understood that such a school during its root-developing period must not be hampered by the need of funds nor by the fact that only small amounts can be raised in the community itself. Fund-raising groups should be inter-racial in character. (e)

"Plans should be made at the earliest possible date to purchase a building in order to circumvent the extremely high rentals and to provide a center that shall influence the community socially as well as intellectually. (e)

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"FEES

"The tuition fees of the Carver School should be scaled to meet the needs of the low income people. A suggestion would be \$2.50 per term. Provision should be made for partial or total scholarships. Trade unionists, parents of low income, church and other groups should be granted scholarship rates. Community organizations should be encouraged to raise funds to provide free tuition for groups of students. (e)

"ORGANIZATION:

"The School should be owned and administered by an incorporated Board of Directors. The Board of Directors should comprise prominent men and women from all walks of life and of every political conviction. Although the majority of the Board should be drawn from those who are prominent in Negro life, there should be several representatives white people on the Board. The Board should be made up of people who are interested in the school and willing to work toward building it. The Board should meet frequently enough to keep in close touch with the school. (e)

"There shall be a small executive committee selected or approved by the Board which shall meet bi-weekly or on call during periods of stress. This executive committee should consist of one or two officers of the board, the director of the school, a representative from the faculty, a representative of the student body and such other people as may seem necessary. (e)

"Wherever possible members of the Board and of the Executive Com. should reside in and around New York City. (e)

"There should be a large Advisory Committee made up of nationally known educators. This committee should include at least one representative from every major Negro college or university in the country unless otherwise impossible. The Advisory committee shall be a body to give prestige and standing to the School. (e)

"All three bodies - the Board, the Executive Com., and the Advisory Com. - shall assist the School in raising funds, promotion, and public presentations. (e)

"ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Faculty Council - composed of all teaching members, or all who have served ascertain period of time. (e)

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- "(b) An Administrative Committee -
to operate the school and carry out policy. With none or few exceptions the members of the administrative staff to teach classes as well.
For the First Term: (unless events dictate otherwise)
Director (From July 1, 1943 on)
Administrative Assistant (From August 15th on)
Office Secretary (From August 1st on)
Promotion Director and head of Extension (From October 1st on)
In future terms, if the school succeeds immediately, the administrative staff may be expanded to include a separate extension director, librarian, and registrar. (e)

"CALENDAR:

The proposed calendar shall be as follows:
Meeting of Committee of the Whole to Establish the Carver School -
Mon. July 19
Registration for Fall Term: Sept. 20th through October 1st.
Large Public Meeting to Announce opening of School - September
19th or 26th.
Fall Term: Twelve weeks October 4th through December 24th.
Pre-Christmas Party or Dance - Saturday, December 18th or Sun.
Dec. 19th.
Winter Term: January 10th through March 31st - 12 weeks.
Winter Registration: Dec. 27th through Jan. 7th.
Emancipation Proclamation Public Forum - Sunday, January 2nd.
Negro History week Celebration - entire week February 13th
through 19th. Large Public Forum or concert
beginning or end of the week.
Spring Term: Ten weeks April 17th through June 23rd. (e)

The following information was newspaper comment concerning the subject and her activities:

The "Peoples Voice", negro Communist newspaper in issue of September 23, 1944 contained a picture of the subject together with background information which has been previously furnished to the Bureau.

The "Daily Worker" in issue of December 9, 1944 contained an article concerning the course "The Negro and the Nation" given jointly by the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, and the "Peoples Voice". The article stated that the outstanding lecturers included DOXEY WILKERSON, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, and ALPHAEUS HUNTON (known Communists).

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"The New York Amsterdam News" Negro newspaper, in issue of January 20, 1945 stated that a meeting took place at the Schomburg Collection, 135 Public Library on January 14, 1945, at which time Doctor REDDICK, Curator of the Schomburg Collection, and GWENDOLYN BENNETT spoke regarding GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER. The substance of Miss BENNETT'S talk was the meaning of the life of Doctor CARVER as related to the general education of Negroes in America.

The "Peoples Voice" in issue of January 27, 1945, contained a picture of the subject, together with the following individuals:

RACKHAM HOLT and SHIRLEY GRAHAM; biographers of CARVER;
DOROTHY HOMER; Librarian;
Councilman BENJAMIN DAVIS;
LAWRENCE D. REDDICK, Curator, Schomburg Collection; and
DOXEY A. WILKERSON, executive editor of PV.

"The New York Amsterdam News" of February 10, 1945 in the column entitled, "Labor Forum" by M. MORAN WESTON, stated:

"The George Washington Carver School aims not only to help working people understand better the world they live in; it also seeks to keep alive the life and work of Dr. Carver as a source of inspiration to others who face, as he did, adversity and lack of opportunity. Whereas the People's College is an outgrowth of the schools and colleges in Atlanta, the Carver School is in a sense an outgrowth of the labor movement in New York. According to the Director of the Carver School, Gwendolyn Bennett, nationally known poet and author, almost half of the students attending the school since it was organized in October, 1943, have been members of trade unions. Some fifteen CIO and AFL unions were represented in the student body of 358 last term."

The "New York Age" Negro newspaper in issue of February 10, 1945, contained an article that the BEN DAVIS CLUB would hold a weeks celebration in honor of Negro History Week. The article went on to say:

"The Ben Davis Club (named for Councilman Davis) of the CPA has arranged programs during Negro History Week at its headquarters, 2315 Seventh Avenue, Sunday, February 11th, at 4 p.m. at the club, a forum will be held at which time Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. and Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the George Washington Carver School of Harlem will be guest speakers, also entertainment."

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The "Pittsburgh Courier", Negro newspaper, in issue of February 17, 1945 indicates that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, Director of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, participated in a forum in connection with Negro History Week, the forum taking place at N.M.U. Recreation Hall.

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: AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK - Will endeavor to obtain additional handwriting specimens of the subject and will report all Communist activities concerning the subject and the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, of which she is Director.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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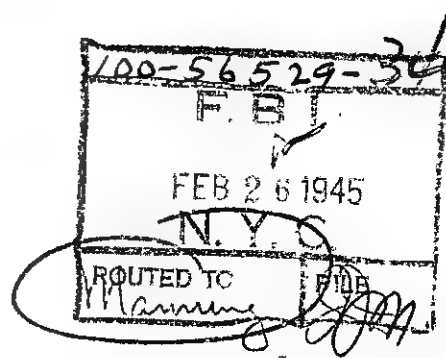
T-1 Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity
is known to the Bureau.

T-2 A highly reliable and confidential source having
access to the records and files of the ALEXANDER
TRACHTENBERG INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS, INC. 381
Fourth Avenue, New York City, and who made the
same available to Special Agents Frederick C.
Zinck, Edward F. Hummer, J. Lewis Ames, and
Jerome M. Garland.

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UNITY CENTER CPA
 2744 B'way. near 105th St.
Celebrates
Negro History Week
Gwendolyn Bennett
 Director of George Washington
 Carver School will speak on
 "The Negro's Contribution
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 A reading from
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 Refreshments Admission Free



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Carver School Is Growing Fast

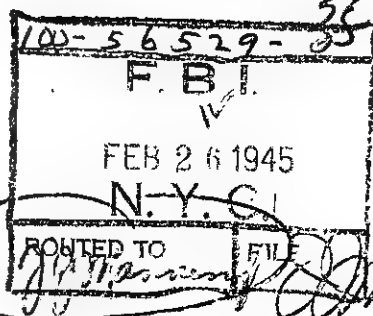
The George Washington Carver School, 57 W. 125 St., is now registering new students for its second winter term.

Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, director, says the school started with 159 students and ended the semester with 358. She believes it will grow even faster if it is brought to the attention of persons who do not yet know about it.

Courses include Negro history, the colonial peoples, current topics, the Negro and organized labor, French, Spanish, painting, sculpture and drama.

Classes run from Monday through Friday, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 10:30 p.m.

No other school has stronger trade union support. Some of the organizations behind the Carver School: Transport Workers Union; State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO; Teachers Union; Federal Workers Union; Local 65; United Electrical Workers; Fur Dyers; International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL; Marine Shipbuilders; Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL; Newspaper Guild, CIO; Harlem Labor Union.



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March 17, 1945

MEMO

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated March 17, 1945, at New York, and two copies of Ben Davis Club News, in New York file 100-26603 C9, in which it was indicated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a guest speaker at the forum of the Ben Davis Club Sunday, February 11, 1945, celebrating "Negro History Week".

ARTHUR F. WILLIAMS
Special Agent

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Monday, May 7 marks the opening day of classes of the Spring Term at the George Washington Carver School, 57 W. 125 St. Courses include the study of Race and Minority Problems, The Negro and Organized Labor, The Colonial Peoples, with such instructors as Ferdinand Smith, Charles Collins and Dr. W. A. Hunton. Also classes in dressmaking, millinery, grammar, arithmetic, drawing, painting, sculpture, etc. The six women staff (above) left to right are: Mayme Brown, Public Relations Secretary; Elizabeth Adams, Librarian; Elizabeth Catlett White, Director of Student Activities; Gwendolyn Bennett, Director; Edith Roberts, Registrar; Hermie Dumont, Administrative Assistant.

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May 25, 1945

MEMO:

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

The above captioned individual, who is a key figure in the New York Field Division, should be continued to be carried as such in view of the fact that she is Director of the George Washington Carver School, negro Communist front organization in Harlem which is completely under the domination of the Communist Political Association. This school is comparable to the Jefferson School insofar as curriculum is concerned. Its student personnel is almost completely negro.

The George Washington Carver School exchanges instructors from time to time with the Jefferson School and upon occasion has conducted joint classes.

JOHN J. MANNING
Special Agent

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M E M O:

Re: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL;
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Attached is a three-page log of a conference between OWEN DOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, with GIL GREEN, president, New York State CPA, in which they discussed activities of the above school.

Persons mentioned in this log may be identified as follows:

CHARLES	CHARLES COLLINS of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6, A.P. of L.
ROSE	ROSE WORTIS, trade union director, New York State CPA
BEN	BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Manhattan City Councilman and Vice President CPA

This conference took place on May 10, 1945, according to Confidential Informant [redacted]

WILLIAM F. GUILFOILE
Special Agent

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FROM: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
TO: GIL GREEN

May 10, 1945
11:45 AM

GB: Hello Gil.
GG: Hello Gwen.

GB: How are you?
GG: Thanks for your letter. I was just about to answer it.

GB: Is that so? Well, you're so busy I don't expect you to have to answer it. I just wanted to send.....
GG: No, in fact I wanted to set a date to come up to see you and see your headquarters. I'm very thrilled at the idea that your registration is larger.

GB: Yes, and we're still keeping up. Each night there are a few more than there were at the similar time the last time. Anything we can do to get behind the club? I practically knocked myself out being behind them.
GG: Nothing has happened on that score.

GB: Well, there are a few Gil, but nothing like all the agreements that we should have either the time before last or this time.
GG: You mean that meeting that you had that other time hasn't brought any results.

GB: Well, first we sent out a mailing over either CHARLES' or ROSE's signature to every member and a general mailing of the catalog and a letter over BEN's signature to every member. We sent out at least four mailings to club members alone.
GG: And no new response so far?

GB: Well, ten or fifteen....
GG: Well, that's nothing.

GB:which is more than we had before but it isn't anything like either the 500 which BEN spoke of which is maybe unrealistic, or the 100 we thought of.
GG: You mean if you got 100 it would be very good.

GB: Yes.
GG: Well I think in order to get them, we'll have to think in terms of getting some additional instructors.

GB: I know, but look at what we have done. It means that we're constantly withdrawing content courses from the catalog.
GG: Well, who do you have?

QB: We have AL PRAGO from the Jefferson School. Now we did special promotion on that and we got a lot of the people that would be in 3-A into that so we have a registration there of 16, as of yesterday. So, that's a decent looking class but we can't do that kind of publicity on every one. You see, we've called people; we've written personal letters, etc.

GG: Yes.

QB: A lot of the people wanted to take my class but they haven't shown up yet so they missed one session but I don't have to worry about my class because the general public comes in. Then we have THEIMA DALE teaching a course on race and minority problems in which we were getting such people as GOLDITCH from the Association for National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism and other organizations like that. Then we have this Colonial Peoples with ALPHAEUS HUNTER (ph). You know that kind of thing that is of general interest which should be of specific interest to them. And you see it isn't fair to the whole curriculum that we offer things like that term after term and have to withdraw them.

GG: But you know, taking the people's voice, the main emphasis was put on these lighter courses, not on the content courses.

QB: Well, that's because the paper itself does it, because we certainly send in the material.

GG: Yes, well I remember that second page display.

QB: ..of pictures. Well, that's because when a photographer comes up we can't get him for love or money to take pictures of any other courses. See, we don't ask them to come in for any of those courses because we have more people for those courses than we can handle now.

GG: Well, our objective is to build the others. That is obvious.

QB: Yes.

GG: The real content courses.

QB: Yes. Naturally we have to strengthen the courses, but we want to strengthen them on a broad base that will take in the population of the whole two. Of course we haven't any worry from this term on of going to adjust the school. If PRAGO's course goes then that wipes out the fact that SILFONA's course didn't go one term and neither did HAROLD COLLINS.

GG: Alright. Look Owen, I'm going upstate next week.

QB: Yes.

GG: And as soon as I get back the following week I'm going to drop up there one evening and take you out to dinner and look over your place as well.

GB: (laugh) Yes. Now look, on the money, what happens there? Anything?
GG: Well, you're not in any hurry....

GB: What do you mean, you're not in any hurry?
GG: If you get it all too fast you'll spend it all.

GB: Look Gil, please, I wouldn't ask you for money if I didn't need it.
We spent \$700.00 on fixing the place up.
GG: I know but my God, you don't mean to say you have come to the end of the money that was raised.

GB: Well, we didn't get it all.
GG: Well alright, so that's your job. Go get the others and if you have to worry about the others as much as you have to worry about ours, your problem is solved. Don't let that worry you.

GB: You know I have to worry. That's the reason I thought you and SAM discussed it. That's the only reason I raised it, see?
GG: Well, I just take it for granted. You know I much prefer to give it to you when you really need it.

GB: OK (laugh)
GG: (laugh)

GB: Well, if I really need it and I'm down at low ebb, then you'll work fast, eh?
GG: We made our pledge didn't we?

GB: Yes, I understand.
GG: We'll live up to it. Don't worry about that at all.

GB: I'm not worrying about it. I would be crazy if I did.
GG: (laugh). OK.

GB: Alright, goodbye.

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Canada Lee to Appear At Tribute to Jacques Roumain

The noted actor, Canada Lee, will take part in the tribute to Jacques Roumain, the great Haitian poet, to be held at New York Times Hall, on the evening of May 24. One of

the dramatic highlights of the evening is expected to be Mr. Lee's reading of poems by Roumain; poems dedicated as was Roumain's life, to the liberation of the Negro people of the Colonial countries.

Also signaling the lifework of Roumain will be the main address of the evening: an address relating to the Negro people and their role in the "post-San Francisco" world, by Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association.

Sponsors of the May 24th meeting include the noted poets Langston Hughes and Gwendolyn Bennett, Dr. Jean Weltfish of Columbia University, Alain Locke of Howard University, Max Haudicourt, editor the Haitian newspaper, "La Nation."

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September 12, 1945

MEMORANDUM

Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

True name: GWENDOLYN BENNETT , with aliases Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup, Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale.

Her party name is believed to be: Ruth Gale

Subject is Director of the George Washington Carver School, a Communist Front Organization.

Status: Active, Pending inactive report submitted February 22, 1945. ¹¹⁻³⁰⁻⁴⁵

A Security Index Card is in existence on the Subject.

A photograph of the Subject has been forwarded to the Bureau.

Handwriting specimens have been submitted to the Bureau.

JOHN J. MANNING
Special Agent

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Painting Courses At Jefferson School

The Painting and art history section of the curriculum of the Jefferson School of Social Science has been expanded for the Fall term to meet the increasing demands of students for painting, drawing, composition and for lecture courses.

Three lecture courses on art history and appreciation will be given. Josephine Truslow Adams, artist and former instructor at Swarthmore College, will teach "Art History and Appreciation: Prehistoric Times to the Renaissance." Gwendolyn Bennett, artist and teacher, will give classes in "Modern Art: Cezanne to the Present."

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GWENDOLYN BENNETT continues to occupy position of director of George Washington Carver School, Communist front organization. Her name is frequently mentioned in the columns of the "Daily Worker", and the "Peoples Voice", Negro Communist newspaper, in connection with the affairs of the George Washington Carver School. At the present time subject is also conducting classes in American art at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas, NYC.

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Report of S.A. John J. Manning, 2/2/45 at NYC.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY:-

Confidential Informant T-1 advised Special Agent (A) Albert J. McGrath, that a check #295 was drawn on the Communist Political Association of New York State account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 32 University Place, New York City to GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, on September 18, 1944 in the amount of \$500. Informant advised that the check was endorsed "George Washington Carver School" (C)

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised this office that he was present when GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School had a discussion with GIL GREEN, president of the New York State CPA, on May 10, 1945. Informant advised that Miss BENNETT told GREEN that she would not ask him for the money if the school did not need it to which GREEN replied that it was her job to raise the money, and that he preferred to give it to her when she really needed it. GREEN stated that he placed his word that when she needed it she would get it and not to worry about the matter, that the promise would be kept. Informant advised that during the conversation, Miss BENNETT had also stated that she had made four mailings of the catalogues of the school to various Communist club members together with a letter over BENJAMIN J. DAVIS JR.'s signature. Additional letters were sent over the signature of CHARLES A. COLLINS and ROSE GAULDEN. All of the above mentioned individuals are well known Communist functionaries in this city. The purpose of the letters in question was to increase the student enrollment at the George Washington Carver School. (c)

Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, on March 3, 1945, advised that the subject, a few months previously, had addressed the "inter-denominational ministers meeting", at the Harlem Y.M.C.A. This body is a group of ministers from the Harlem area which includes all faiths with the exception of the Roman Catholic. Informant advised that at this meeting, Miss BENNETT discussed the Carver School, and requested the ministers to instruct their various groups to send students from the churches to attend the school. She advised that for every five students attending from any particular church, one scholarship would be given. The group, however, refused to issue an order to its members to enroll as students in the Carver School, and advised BENNETT that she would have to approach each individual minister in the Harlem area, and present her case. Informant further advised that Miss BENNETT did approach the ministers of a number of churches in the Harlem area, and that some of the churches sent students to the school. One of the individuals used by Miss BENNETT to obtain additional students was an individual known as ALGER ADAMS, a minister who was promised a job as instructor in religion at the school if he could supply a number of students. (c)

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished this office with the following background information concerning the formation of the George Washington Carver School, of which the subject is chairman. (c)

On July 20, 1943, the informant was present when DAVID GOLDWAY, educational director of the Communist Party discussed with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, high Communist functionary, the establishment of a negro workers school in the Harlem area. Informant advised that GOLDWAY had attended the meeting on the previous evening at which the following were present: LEONARD CAVELLO, former high school principal now with the Y.M.C.A., MAX YERGAN, former C.C.N.Y. instructor, and executive director of the Council on African Affairs, who attended the

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meeting, holding proxies from ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. and CHANNING H. TOBIAS of the Y.M.C.A. (S)

At the meeting in question, it was decided that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was to be director of the new school, and that MAX YERGAN, another well known Communist was to act as chairman (S)

The negro Communist newspaper "Peoples Voice", frequently refers to the subject in connection with the affairs of the George Washington Carver School. Pertinent references to the subject appearing in this newspaper are as follows:

The "Peoples Voice", issue of July 10, 1945 contained an article which stated in part that the second term of the Carver School would open on February 13, 1946, that the subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT would continue to occupy the position as director of the George Washington Carver School, and that the total negro student enrollment at that time was 1081 students.

The "Peoples Voice" of February 24, 1946 stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director the George Washington Carver School, was still receiving registrations for the various courses which were to be conducted at the institution.

On May 14, 1946 the "Peoples Voice", again mentioned the subject as director of the George Washington Carver School.

The "Peoples Voice" of May 5, 1946 contained a picture of the subject and her staff at the Carver School.

The "Peoples Voice" of July 28, 1946 listed the subject as one of the judges of the question and answer contest on negro matters which was to be jointly conducted by the "Peoples Voice", and the George Washington Carver School.

The "Peoples Voice", issue of November 24, 1946 contained an article concerning the Carver School a summary of which is as follows: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, has stated that the school has just celebrated its second year of steady progress and has an alltime record of registration with more than 700 students being offered 39 courses.

The "Daily Worker" frequently mentions the subject by name in connection with the affairs of the George Washington Carver School, and the Jefferson School of Social Science, which is located at 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City.

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The issues of the "Daily Worker", in which pertinent portions pertaining to the subject are found are as follows:

The "Daily Worker" of February 18, 1945 stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director, believes the Carver School will grow in size, and will become a definite influence in the negro community. She also stated that in their school there is strong trade union support.

The "Daily Worker" of May 5, 1945 contained a picture of the subject and her staff taken during the opening day classes of the spring term of the George Washington Carver School. The women appearing in the picture were MAMIE BROWN, public relations secretary, ELIZABETH ADAMS, librarian, ELIZABETH CATLETT WHITE, director of student activities, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director, EDITH ROBERTS, registrar, and HERMIE DUMONT, administrative assistant. All of the above mentioned individuals are well known Communists in this city. It should be noted in regard to HERMIE DUMONT that this individual was at one time actively engaged in courier activities for the Comintern and was expelled from several European countries together with her husband, OTTO HUISWOUD.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 7, 1945 indicates that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a sponsor of a meeting in honor of JACQUES ROUMAIN, negro Haitian Communist who recently died. The meeting in question was held at the New York Times Hall and was highlighted by an address by EARL BROWDER, president of the Communist Political Association, as well as additional addresses by CANADA LEE, and MAX HOUDICOURT, prominent Communist.

The "Daily Worker", issue of April 5, 1945 indicated that the subject was conducting classes in "Modern Art---Cezanne to the Present", the course in question given by the subject was held at the Jefferson School of Social Science, located at 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City. This institution is a well known Communist front organization.

Confidential Informants [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, advised the reporting Agent that the subject's communist activities appear to be confined mainly to the affairs of the Jefferson School of Social Science and the George Washington Carver School, with most of her time and effort being devoted to the latter organization. (C)

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At New York City:-

Will follow and report the Communist activities of the subject, and her activities in connection with the George Washington Carver School, of which she is the director.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants were mentioned in the report of Special Agent John J. Manning, dated November 30, 1945 at New York, New York:

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EDWARD CARDIFF, Assistant Manager
Manufacturers Trust Company
32 University Place, New York City.

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News of Harlem's Carver School

An all-time high in registration was reached this fall by the George Washington Carver School in Harlem, Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, director, announced yesterday.

More than 700 students registered for the 39 courses being offered this term. Although the present term will run only four weeks more, it is still possible to attend single lectures.

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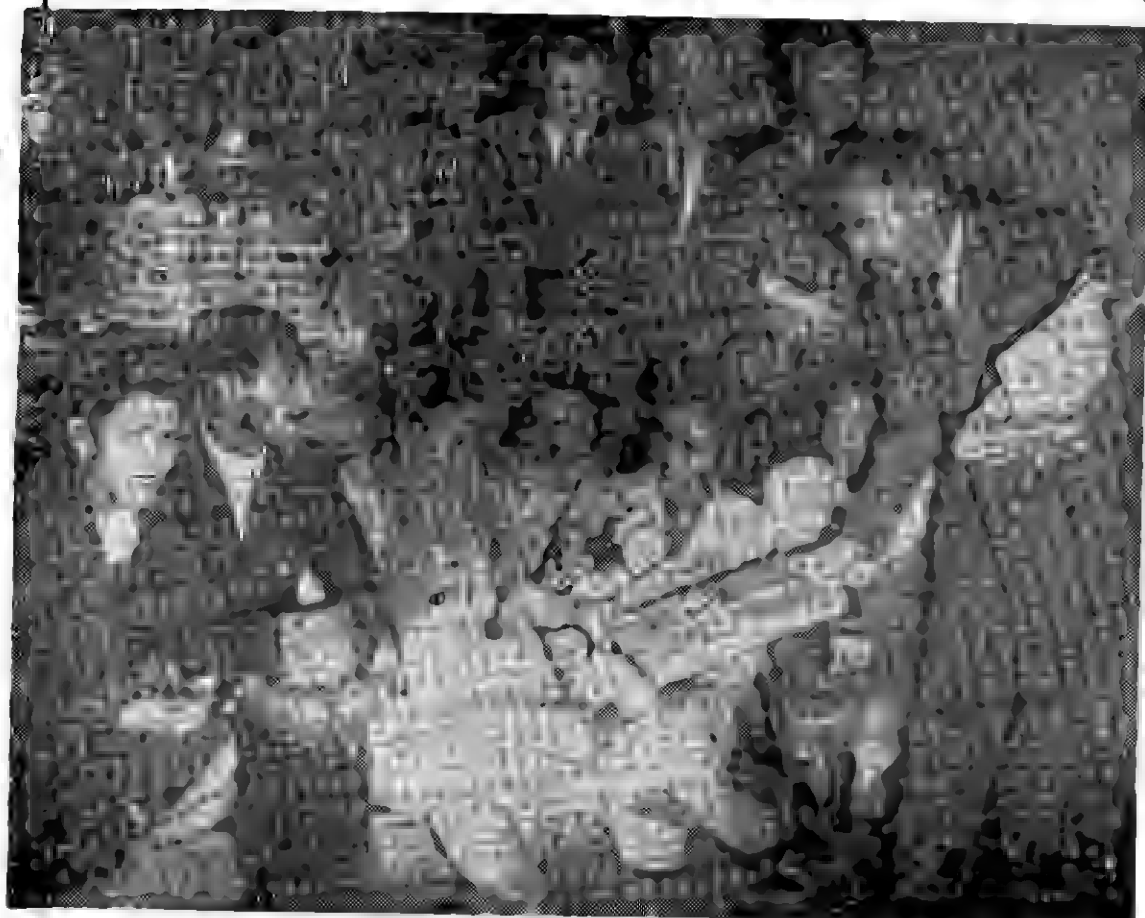
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Yuletide at Carver School. Carver School pupils to remember to good old Santa after party last Friday night at the school, 17 W 125 St. In usual order are Marion Brown, John Lee, Gerald D. Duggan, director of the school; Hermal Dymont, Lucille Jackson, Richard Crosscup, Eric Rafterman, Edna Howard, Meddler Walker, and Percy W. Jones, who played Santa.

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Noted Negroes To Lecture At Jefferson School

Twelve prominent leaders of the Negro people will come to New York from half a dozen cities to lecture at the Jefferson School's special course on "The Negro in American Life," which begins Jan. 17.

Each week for twelve successive Thursdays, one of these lecturers will discuss an important phase of the Negro people's contribution to American culture, or a phase of the struggle for Negro rights.

Dr. Sterling Brown, lecturer at Vassar College, author of books of poetry and literary criticism, will discuss the Negro people's contribution to literature.

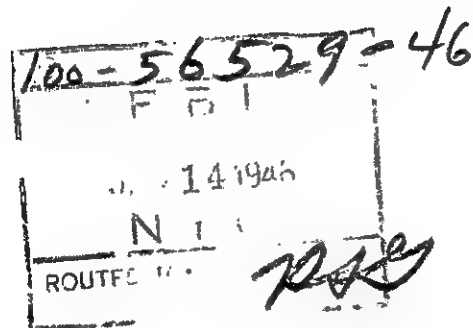
Abram Hill, director of the American Negro Theater, will take up the Negro's contribution to the theater and the Negro's problems in that field. J. Lawrence Cook, well-known musician and arranger, will deal with the Negro's contribution to music, and Miss Gwendolyn Bennett with their contribution to art.

The role of the Negro people in the labor movement will receive treatment from Thomas Richardson, National Executive Vice-President of the United Federal Workers of America. Robert Jones, senior examiner of the FEPC in New England, will deal with the struggles of the Negro people for jobs and civil rights.

Herbert Wheeldin, veteran of the Battle of the Bulge and a member of the famous mixed division in that battle, will talk on the problems of the Negro vets; Dr. Max Yergan on the role of the Negro abroad, particularly in Africa.

The course begins with a general survey of the present situation, presented by Arthur Huff Fauset, well-known Philadelphia educator and a member of the board of the National Negro Congress.

Places in the class are still open, and registration will continue at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., until the opening next ~~Thursday~~.



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Some day, when she feels our neighbors and allies will welcome us, she'd like to visit foreign lands. But she wants to go as a *friend* who understands, not as a tourist. So she's studying up on her new neighbors, in courses like these:

The Far East in World Affairs <i>Frederick V. Field</i>	Anthropology: The Development of Human Society <i>Dr. May Edel</i>
The History of Russia <i>Vladimir D. Kazakevich</i>	The Novel and the People <i>Dr. Annette Rubinstein</i>
The Earth and Society <i>Harold Kirshner</i>	Modern Art: Cezanne to the Present <i>Gwendolyn Bennett</i>

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Gwendolyn Bennett at Jefferson School

Gwendolyn Bennett, director of artists. Despite the outstanding quality of the work of individual Negro artists, there are still few opportunities for them to exhibit their work in galleries and museums unless their work is included in shows that present only the work of Negroes.

Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the George Washington Carver School, will speak on "The Negro in Art" at the Jefferson School tonight (Thursday) at 6:30. Miss Bennett, who is herself a painter and a poet, has had wide contacts with Negro and white artists and is thoroughly acquainted with their work as well as their problems.

"The Negro painter and sculptor has been a part of the American scene throughout our country's existence," Miss Bennett believes, "but it has taken the last 25 years to establish the oft-proven fact that his abilities may be judged by the same standards as white

For three years Miss Bennett was director of the Harlem Community Art Center. Formerly, she had been a teacher of design and painting in the Art Department of Howard University in Washington, D. C.

She was also a member of the American Artists Congress and the Artists' Union, affiliated to the CIO.

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IWO Award for Race Harmony

The International Workers Order announced yesterday the winners of its annual awards for helping Americans to understand the Negro and Jewish problems in America. The winners this year were the George Washington Carver School and the Institute for Jewish Studies. They each received \$100 from the IWO Lincoln Steffens Lodge, sponsors.

The awards were part of the IWO's activities for Negro History Week, Feb. 10-17. Carter G. Woodson, Negro educator, in the current issue of Negro History Bulletin, pays tribute to the IWO for its contributions to the success of Negro History Week.

The awards will be presented to Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the Carver School, and Morris U. Schappes, director of the Institute, at a Webster Hall dance Feb. 9.

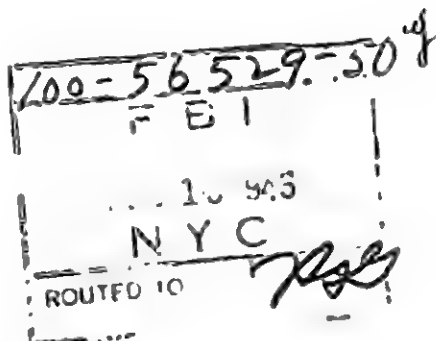
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Administrative staff of the George Washington Carver School. Every teacher is a volunteer; none receives pay. Guest speakers give their services. Full-time workers, as above, receive small salaries. Left to right, Mayme Brown, public relations secretary and instructor in music; Elizabeth Adoma, librarian; Elizabeth White, instructor in art; Gwendolyn Bennett, director; Edith Roberts, registrar; Hermie Dumont, administrative assistant.



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This Is the Carver School



The George Washington Carver School is located at 57 W. 125th St. Gwendolyn Bennett, director, is a B.S. in Fine Arts, Columbia, and holds fellowships from the Academie Julian, Paris, and the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa. She has taught at Howard University, at Nashville's A. and I. State College, at Lake County school, Fla., and at the School for Democracy. She was formerly director of the Harlem Community Art Center.

Mayme Brown, who holds a Master's degree in education from Howard University and has taught music in the Washington public schools, is public relations secretary of the Carver School. She is shown above assisting in the registration of students for the present term.

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GUEST LECTURER:

Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the George Washington Carver School and teacher of Contemporary Art at the Jefferson School of Social Science, will be a guest lecturer in a series offered by the Jefferson School, at 575 Avenue of the Americas (at 16th street), entitled, "The Negro In American Life." Miss Bennett will speak on Thursday, January 31st, at 6:30 p. m., on the subject, "The Negro's Contribution to American Art."

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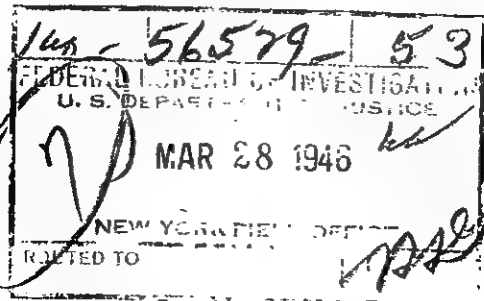
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Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett
Jackson, Ruth Gale;
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In accordance with the Key Figure project presently being conducted in the New York Office the following information regarding the subject is being set out:-

True Name	GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP
Party Names	GWENDOLYN BENNETT and RUTH GALE
Party Affiliations	Subject is director of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, Communist(Negro) Front Organization
Status of Case	PENDING INACTIVE 11-30-45
Security Index Card	A security index card is in existence on the subject
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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, supplied the register signed by most of the people who attended the Harlem Section Convention of the Communist Party held March 1 and 3, 1946. The first session of the Convention was held at the "Ethiopian World Federal Auditorium "290 Lenox Avenue, NYC.," and the second session was held at the "Elks Theatre Auditorium", 15 West 126th Street, New York City.

The subject's name appeared on this register which also shows club, National Origin, Sex and whether or not subject is a veteran. A photostatic copy of this register may be found in File #100-26603. - *C42-164*

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that all persons who signed the register are members of the Communist Party.

If a case file exists on this subject this memorandum should be made a part of that file and if none, it is suggested a new case be opened on the subject.

JOSEPH J. PHELAN
Special Agent

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Re: Gwendolyn Bennett
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On March 16, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] supplied the names of the officers of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and the make-up of the Harlem Section Committee of the Communist Party. This section Committee was elected at the Harlem Section Convention of the Communist Party held at the Ethiopian World Federation Hall, 290 Lenox Avenue, New York City and the Elks Theater Auditorium, 15 West 129th Street, New York City on March 1st and 3rd, 1946. The officers were elected the following week at a meeting of the Section Committee. They are as follows:

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. - Executive Secretary
JOHN LAVIN - Organizational Secretary
ROSE GAULDEN - Concentration Work
LEON LOVE - Membership Director
THEODORE BASSETT - Educational Director

SECTION COMMITTEE

BENITA WILLIAMS	FERN OWENS
LARRY WASHINGTON	LETTY COHEN
CARMEN LOPEZ	HERB WHITMAN
HORACE MARSHALL	SAM PATERSON, IWO
MAUDE WHITE	BOB CAMPBELL
CYRIL PHILLIPS	OSCAR JAMES

The following were nominated and included on the ballot, but were not elected to the Committee:

FRED REESE	ARTHUR MC GOY
GWENDOLYN BENNETT	FLORENCE OCEAN
JAMES FORD	THELMA DALE
THOMAS JOHNSON	HANK BAINS
AL MASON	LENA EVANS
ED THOMAS	MAURICE COLERO
AL JETT	CORINE DEAN
MILDRED MC ADREY	GEORGE MURPHY
WILLIAM LOCKHART	

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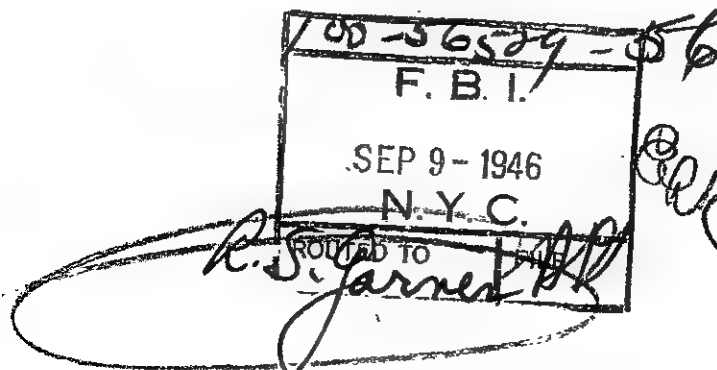
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Gwendolyn Bennet Crosscup,
Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett
Jackson, Ruth Gale;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

In connection with the preparation of a current list of key figures in this Office, the following requested information has been set forth on captioned subject:

- (1) Subject is commonly known as GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP, her true name. Subject's party name is RUTH GALE.
- (2) She is director of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, Communist (Negro) Front Organization.
- (3) Status - Pending Inactive. Last report dictated August 30, 1946.
- (4) A Security Index Card on subject has been prepared by the Bureau.
- (5) A photograph of subject has been forwarded to the Bureau.
- (6) Handwriting specimens of subject have been forwarded to the Bureau.

JOHN J. MANNING
Special Agent

JJM:JRW
100-56529





Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

September 20, 1946

MEMO:

Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was:
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

In connection with the report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING, dated September 20, 1946, at New York, New York, the following files were reviewed and believed to be identical with the subject:

- Chen*
- ✓ 100-26011-165 p. 21, 22, 23 ✓
 - ✓ 100-56529 C. B. ✓
 - ✓ 100-51181-78 p. 1, 2, 3. ✓
 - ✓ 100-42735A 7-28-45 p. 4 ✓
 - ✓ 100-2-3-45 p. 27 ✓
 - ✓ 100-12-23-44 p. 7 ✓
 - ✓ 100-12-29-45 p. 11 ✓
 - ✓ 100-4-14-45 p. 2 ✓
 - ✓ 100-0A-824 ✓
 - ✓ 100-42735 A 1/19/46 p. 22 ✓
 - ✓ 100-5-5-45 p. 2 ✓
 - ✓ 100-1180-1196 → 5/27/44 ✓
 - ✓ 100-1339-1492 → 5/20/44 ✓
 - ✓ 100-2-16-46 p. 8 ✓
 - ✓ 100-2936-1A155 ✓
 - ✓ 100-20-1-46 p. 10 ✓
 - ✓ 100-28627-461 ✓
 - ✓ 100-51820-291 ✓
 - ✓ 100-14581-55 ✓
 - ✓ 100-19377-131 p. 21 ✓
 - ✓ 100-28627-1327 ✓
 - ✓ 100-7689-613 p. 3 ✓
 - ✓ 100-635 p. 29 ✓
 - ✓ 100-1209 p. 9 ✓
 - ✓ 100-57538-1 ✓
 - ✓ 100-42735A-2-2-46 p. 4 ✓
 - ✓ 100-64734-4 ✓
- Information in Communist Library ✓

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✓ 100-7689-1057 P. 49, 63 ✓
✓ 447 P. 5 ✓
✓ 65-6386-579 ✓
✓ 65-4309-7741 ✓
✓ 100-47315-5453 P. 6 ✓
✓ 65-14461-398 P. 154 ✓
✓ 100-51181-1A11P4, 11 ✓
✓ 61 P. 12 ✓
✓ 100-59518-250 P. 2 ✓
✓ 100-28627- 359, 358 ✓
✓ 100-42735A - 2-17-45 ✓
✓ 65-6386 ✓
✓ 100-12084 ✓
✓ 100-13924 ✓

All pertinent information contained in these files not previously reported has been incorporated into instant report.

JOHN J. MANNING,
Special Agent

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-56529**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/20/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/11; 3/26; 6/14, 27; 8/1, 12, 29, 30/46	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. MANNING
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT; with aliases Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup, Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

*11-6-46
Bureau adv. by for
letter of addit. business
address, also "Mrs"
deleted from alias.
SIC card removed & date
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Subject, a negro, claims to have been born 7/8/02 at Giddings, Texas. At the present time she resides at 2 West 120th Street, NYC with her husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, who is a white man. Subject's husband was born 7/24/05 at Dorchester, Mass. The subject is the present director of the George Washington Carver School, Negro Communist Front Organization, located at 57 West 125th Street, NYC. In addition, she is a part time lecturer at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, NYC. Subject is a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-293468.
SAC letter #28 series 1946, dated March 12, 1946.
Report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING, 11/30/45, New York.

DETAILS:

At New York City

On June 14, 1946, the Reporting Agent verified the fact that the subject continues to reside at 2 West 120th Street, New York City. The subject is a negro and her husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP is a white man.

On the same date as above, it was determined that the subject is still the director of the George Washington Carver School, Negro

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">100-56529-58</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">GRR</div>	
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Communist Front Organization, located at 57 West 125th Street, New York City. It was also determined that the subject was a part time lecturer at the Jefferson School of Social Science, Communist School, located at 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

The records of the WPA, Sub Treasury Building, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York City, were reviewed by the Reporting Agent and it was determined from these records that the subject, a negro, claimed to have been born at Giddings, Texas in July 1902. A letter from the Health Department at Giddings, Texas to the New York Branch of the WPA indicated that birth records were not maintained at Giddings, Texas until 1903.

On June 25, 1940, the subject married RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, a white man. The files also reflected that the subject, at the present time, is employed as the director of the George Washington Carver School in Harlem.

The records of the Registrar's Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts were reviewed by an Agent of the Boston Field Division and the following information concerning RICHARD B. CROSSCUP was obtained:

RICHARD B. CROSSCUP was born July 24, 1905 at Dorchester, Massachusetts. His father's name was given as LOUIS EDWIN CROSSCUP, His mother's name being LILLIAN CAMPBELL CROSSCUP. Dates of birth of the parents were not given.

The Daily Worker, issue of January 11, 1946, contains an article captioned NOTED NEGROES TO LECTURE AT JEFFERSON SCHOOL. Among those listed was the name of Miss GWENDOLYN BENNETT who will lecture on Art. The Daily Worker of the same date carried an advertisement of the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City, indicating that GWENDOLYN BENNETT would teach a course in Modern Art : CEZANNE TO THE PRESENT.

The Daily Worker of January 29, 1946 indicated that the International Workers Order awarded prizes to the George Washington School and the Institute for Jewish Studies. The awards would be presented by GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the Carver School, and MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, union communist and director of the Institute for Jewish Studies.

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The Daily Worker of January 31, 1946 indicated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, would speak on "The Negro in Art" at the Jefferson School on Thursday at 6:30 P.M. The article stated that BENNETT was a member of the American Artists Congress and the Artists' Union, affiliated to the CIO.

The Daily Worker of February 3, 1946 contains the administrative staff of the George Washington Carver School which includes a picture of the subject.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised this Office that the subject attended the Harlem Section Convention of the Communist Party which was held March 21, 1946 and also March 3, 1946. The first session was held at the Ethiopian World Federation Auditorium, 290 Lenox Avenue, New York City and the second at 15 West 126th Street, New York City. The informant advised that only members of the Communist Party attended.

Confidential Informant [redacted] supplied this Office with a list of the Communist Party Harlem Section. Listed thereon were those individuals nominated for a position on the Section Committee. Subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was nominated and her name included on the ballot but was not included on the Committee. The identity of [redacted] is known to the Bureau.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

Will follow and report the Communist activities of the subject, and her activities in connection with the George Washington Carver School, of which she is the director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York



October 17, 1946

MEMO:

RE:

The catalogue of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE for September-December, 1946, reflects that the above-captioned individual is a faculty member of this institution, which is Communist dominated. The following information appears in this catalog under the caption "Instructors and Guest Lecturers":

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, Instructor "Art History and Appreciation
Late Renaissance to 1874" (282) "Moderns Art: Cezanne to the Present (283)

B.S. in Fine Arts, Columbia University, Fellowship at Academic
Julien, Paris, and Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa. Taught Art at
Howard University, Formerly Director, Harlem Community Art Center
Director, George Washington Carver School.

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New York 7, New York

October 23, 1946

MEMO

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT NO. 2
NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto is a report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated September 18, 1946 and concerning an Executive Meeting of the Ben Davis Club of the Communist Party which was held at the club rooms, 2315 7th Avenue, New York City, on September 17, 1946, for the purpose of discussing the sending of club members to both the George Washington Carver School and the Jefferson School of Social Science.

JOSEPH J. PHELAN, SA

Att. 1

cc-100-51181 (Att. 1)
100-56529 (Att. 1)
100-62847 (Att. 1)

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New York City
Sept. 18, 1946

BEN DAVIS CLUB, EXECUTIVE MEETING.

The BEN DAVIS Club of the Communist Party held an executive meeting on Tuesday Sept. 17, 1946 at its club room 2315 - 7th Ave. New York City, at 8:30 p.m.

The following members were present LEON LOVE, Chairman, THOMAS JOHNSON, TED BASSETTE, BEA STAMPER, TESSIE AHAMOWITZ, BOBBY and ADREAN DE HAAS, ETHEL HEWLETT, SAM PATTERSON and Comrades VIVIAN and WHITHERS and JOSEPHINE TOMLINSON.

LEON LOVE was chairman of this meeting, the principle discussion at this meeting was securing scholarships for likely comrades to attend the George Washington Carver School, located at 57 West 125th Street, N. Y. C., OWENDOLYN BENNETT, Director. Chairman LOVE stressed the importance of education in the Party plans. All Comrades should avail themselves to attend the Carver or Jefferson Schools. It was agreed that 6 Comrades to attend the Carver School, names to be selected at a future date.

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New York 7, New York

October 24, 1946

MEMO

Re: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On August 20, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] supplied a report concerning the captioned school which is a Communist controlled institution. In connection with his report, he listed the following instructors at the school as being members of the Communist Party to his knowledge:

GWENDOLYN BENNETT
MAYME BROWN
HAROLD COLLINS
FRANCIS FRANKLIN
DOROTHY HUNTON
HAROLD D. McADOR
NAN PENDRELL
MORRIS SCHAPPE

M. MORAN WESTON
THELMA DALE
BEN DAVIS
ERNEST L. DIMITRY
Dr. ARNOLD B. DONAWA
ALTA DOUGLAS
PAUL ROBESON
Attorney HOPE R. STEVENS

The informant attached to his handwritten report on the Carver School three pages of instructors at the Carver School and has written the letters "CP" along side the name of each individual known to him to be a member of the Communist Party.

[redacted] The original of the report of the informant can be found in

JOSEPH J. PHELAN, SA

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100-25906
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100-80775

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100-46397
100-79275
100-25857
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

100-293468

TO : SAC, New York City

DATE: November 6, 1946

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(New York file No. 100-56529)

Stand file

The Bureau desires that in further investigating this subject's activities specific attention be given to obtaining admissible evidence which will prove directly or circumstantially her membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party, and knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of that organization. When, in your judgment, sufficient evidence has been obtained you should prepare a report in summary form in which temporary symbols will be used to protect the identity of those informants who are in a position to testify.

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dated 5-12-47 made
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by this letter unnecessary.
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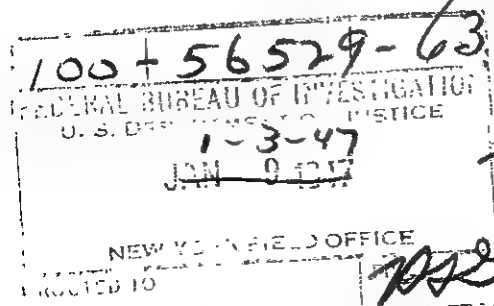
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Picasso: His Life and Work will be the subject for a series of ten evening lectures to be given by Gwendolyn Bennett at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 16 Street and Avenue of the Americas, beginning Jan. 14. The course will trace the development of the artist's work in relation to present day forms, their base in historical forms and their function in social struggle. Other courses in the art division of the school include: **The History and Traditions of American Art**, to be given by Inez Garson, former docent and lecturer at the Museum of Modern Art; **French Painting, Modern Art, from Cezanne to the Present**, and courses in the technique of painting, composition and sculpture. Registration for these courses is going on now.



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New York, New York
December 4, 1946

MEMO

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY USA
EDUCATION, AGITATION & PUBLICATIONS
DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On November 22, 1946 Confidential Informant [] advised that the Communist Party planned to hold an "Eastern States Conference on Education" Saturday and Sunday, November 23-24, 1946 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. daily presumably at Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

The informant said that Saturday morning would be devoted to a general report while Saturday afternoon would be given over to a discussion of Party education. According to the informant a discussion of mass education would occupy the whole day on Sunday.

On the same date the informant, [] stated that the following number of representatives would be sent from the various counties:

Queens - 3; Manhattan - 5; Brooklyn - 4; Bronx - 5; Westchester - 1;
Nassau - 4.

Confidential Informants [] and [] stated that among those scheduled to attend were:

JACK STACHEL	Chairman of the EDUCATION, AGITATION & PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT, CP, USA;
A.B. MACIL	Executive Editor of NEW MASSES;
GWENDOLYN BENNETT	Director of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL;
BENJAMIN BORDOFSKY	President of the WHOLESALE BOOK COMPANY;
DAVID GOLDWAY	Assistant Director of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE;
ALBERTO MOREAU	Director of the NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL COMMISSION, CP.

cc 100-47060, 100-56529 ✓
100-26033, 100-13204

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RUSSELL S. CARVER, Jr.
Special Agent. 27

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Carver School Growing

The fund-raising drive of the Carver School, inter-racial institution located at 57 W. 125 St., is off to a promising start, director Gwen Dolyn Bennett announced yesterday after the school's successful dance last Saturday night. The dance was given by the staff of Camp Unity for the school's benefit, in recognition of the work the Carver group has accomplished.

Miss Bennett announced that 6,000 persons have taken advantage of Carver's educational opportunities over the past three years. In addition, she said, "through special events, forums and lectures, we've reached out to 10,000 New Yorkers. And now we need a bigger school to meet growing demands."

Emphasizing the school's larger perspective is its new series of classes announced this week. These include a course on "Marxism and the Negro" on Friday nights at 8:30,

with Charles Loman as instructor and Ray Hansborough, Henry Winston and Max Weiss as guest lecturers; "How Labor Fights for Higher Wages and Lower Prices"—a course in Value, Price and Profits on Tuesday nights with Charles A. Collins, leader of Local 6 of the Hotel Front and Club Employees Union as instructor, and "Imperialism and the Colonial World," on Monday nights at 8:30 with Edward Strong, organizational secretary of the National Negro Congress and just returned from two years in India, as instructor.

A major step in the school's drive is its "Magic Punchboard" campaign, so named because of its slogan, "No one can lose because everybody wants the heartfelt praise of thousands of education-hungry people." These punchboards are now being distributed to organizations throughout the city.

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MEMO

RE:

*Gwendolyn Bennett
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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, supplied this office with the attendance register of those individuals who attended the Harlem Section of the Communist Party held March 1 and 3, 1946. The first session of the convention was held at "Ethiopian World Federation Auditorium, 290 Lenox Avenue, New York City and the second at the Elks Auditorium, 15 West 126th Street, New York City.

The above captioned individual's name appears on the register. In some cases additional information appeared such as sex, name of club or organization and whether the subject was a veteran or not.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that all persons signing the register were Communists.

A photostatic copy of the register may be found in file 100-26603 C42-164.

A photostatic copy of the above captioned individual's signature as it appeared on the register is attached.

JOHN J. MANNING, S.A.

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Ind. [initials]

RE:

GWEN BENNETT

SECURITY MATTER - C

A trash cover maintained on Bronx County C. P. Headquarters, 125 East 170th Street, Bronx, New York, on 1/12/47 reflected the following information concerning the subject, set out below:

This trash was made available to Special Agents EDWARD B. REDDY and the writer by Confidential Informant [redacted] who had legal custody thereof.

If this information is incorporated in a report, it is suggested that a temporary informant symbol be used.

It is suggested that this memo be made a part of the case file on the subject if such exists. If no case file exists it is suggested that a new case file be opened and this memo be made a part thereof. The original document is maintained in 100-26603-C 40-1A.

Remarks: *Subject's name appears on program for "Freeman's Forum." To speak on '1/26/47 on "A Symposium of Negro Culture."*

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JOHN N. DORAN, SA

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New York, New York

March 6, 1947

MEMO:

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT #2
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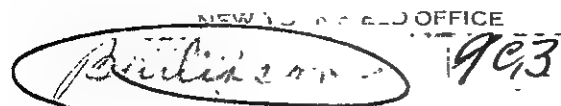
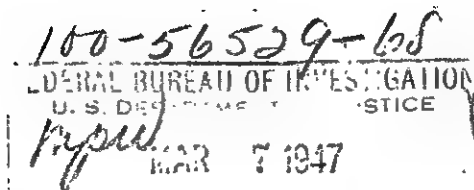
On February 21, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MAX WEISS asked ANNA LEVIN to notify the members of the NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMISSION that there would be no meeting that day. He stated that the members to be notified were as follows:

HOWARD FAST
Gwendolyn Bennett
SAMUEL SILLEN
JOSEPH NORTH
GEORGE SISKIND
MAX WEISS

FREDERICK C. ZINCK, SA

cc: 100-18672
cc: 100-61206
cc: 100-56529
cc: 100-62555
cc: 100-13444
cc: 100-50873

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March 1947

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RE: (Name and all aliases):

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

In connection with the preparation of a current list of Key Figures in this office, the following requested information is being set forth on captioned subject:

1. Party name or name under which Subject is commonly known:

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Mr. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale

True Name Gwendolyn Bennett Cross case

Party Name Gwendolyn Bennett; Ruth Gale

2. Titles in Party or positions in front organizations, labor unions, publications, etc.:

Subject is Director of the George Washington Carver School, Communist (Negro) Front Organization.

3. Status of case: Pending ☐, Pending inactive ☒. Date of last New York report 9-20-46

Security index card prepared or requested of Bureau. Yes ☒ No ☐

If not, give reason why not.

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5. Photograph submitted to Bureau. Yes ☒, No ☐.

6. Handwriting specimens forwarded to Bureau. Yes ☒,
No ☐.

J. G. Burkman
SPECIAL AGENT

New York File 100- 56529.

New York, 7, New York

April 15, 1947

MEMO

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT

The catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science for April and June, 1947 reflects that the above-captioned individual is a faculty member of this institution, which is Communist dominated.

The following information appears in this catalogue under the caption "Instructors and Guest Lecturers":

B.S. in Fine Arts, at Columbia University. Fellowships at Academic Julien, Paris, and Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa. Taught Art at Howard University. Formerly Director, Harlem Community Art Center. Director, George Washington Carver School.

Confidential Informant [] has advised that all instructors and guest lecturers at the Jefferson School are either CP members or strong Communist sympathizers. Accordingly, it is recommended that a dead file be opened on the above captioned individual if no case file exists.

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BENNETT WILLIS

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July 18, 1947
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MEMO:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

RE: **GWENDOLYN BENNETT
SECURITY MATTER - C**

On 6/27/47, Confidential Informant [] made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N.Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party:

Communist Party, USA	Freedom of the Press, Inc.
Communist Party, NY State	(Worker and the Daily Worker)
Communist Party, NY County	Morning Freiheit Association
12th-13th Realty Corporation	(Morning Freiheit and Jewish Life)
F & D Printing Company	Wholesale Book Corporation
Workers' Bookshop	

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the holographic initials of Special Agent H. P. Larson and Special Employee B. T. Fusco, who can testify to legally admissible character of the exhibit.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit # 1B20 in file # 100,80632.

3 pages of handwritten notes on Committee Meeting. Mentions tasks - summer school - Youth Schools - organization of sub committees. Mentions Julius Schatz, Sophie Goff, Joe Rosenthal, Jack Strong and others.



HPL:JR *JK*

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EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

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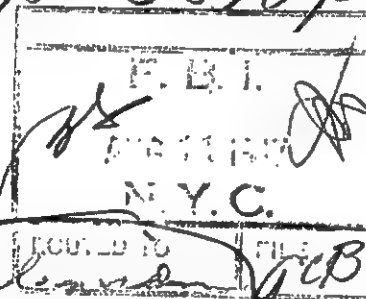
MEMO

Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On May 15, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM NORMAN, Organizational Secretary, New York State Communist Party, requested GWENDOLYN BENNETT to come to his office for a conference.

FREDERICK C. ZINCK, SA

FCZ:ENC
100-56529



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

September , 1947

MEMO

Re: *Gwendolyn Bennett was*
Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup.
(Name and all aliases)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

In connection with the preparation of a current list of Key Figures in this office, the following requested information is being set forth on captioned subject:

1. Party name or name under which Subject is commonly known:

Gwendolyn Bennett

2. Titles in Party or positions in front organizations, labor unions, publications, etc.: *Dr. of George*

Washington Carver School

3. Status of case: Pending , Pending inactive ☒. Date of last New York report *4/26/47*.

4. Security index card prepared or requested of Bureau: Yes ☒
No .

If not, give reason why not:



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5. Photograph submitted to Bureau: Yes ☒, No ☐. If not,
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A. C. Burlinson
Special Agent

New York File 100- 56529

New York 7, New York

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October 12, 1947

~~MEMORANDUM~~

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER,
INTERNAL SECURITY

Attached hereto is a log of a conference between CHARLES LOMAN of New York State CP, and DAVID GOLDWAY of the Jefferson School of Social Sciences, which conference took place September 17, 1947, according to [redacted]

It is believed that OWEN, WEINSTONE, and CHESTER, mentioned in the log may be identified as ~~OWENDOLYN BENNETT~~, Director of the George Washington Carver School, WILLIAM WEINSTONE, of New York State CP Education Department, and BERNARD CHESTER, of New York State CP. The log contains a discussion of the status of the Carver School.

FREDERICK C. ZINCK, SA

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For



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INCOMING

9/17/47
11:18 A.M.

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To: CHARLIE IOMAN

From: DAVE GOLDWAY

- D: CHARLIE, what do you know about the status of the CARVER school?
C: Well, I'll be frank with you, DAVE. Uh...the status isn't; evidently. At this point, it seems like we have no school. You know, just a building there.
- D: Yeah.
C: I've been trying to get in touch with GWEN for the last...oh, quite a few days now. She was away for awhile and then she came back.
- D: Yeah. And I've been trying to get her too. For the last few days...
C: Yeah.
- D: I finally got hold of her husband.
C: And, what did he say? Where is she?
- D: She's...uh. at her mother's. She's...uh. very sick, on the verge of a nervous breakdown.
C: Yeah.
- D: And she's on her back at her mother's...been there for two weeks...may be out in a week or two but he doesn't know.
C: Well, I'll tell you what, DAVE. When will you...will you be over this way at any time?
- D: Well, I may be over sometime, later...little later this week. I don't know.
C: ..because when you do...
- D: I tried talking to BOB CAMPBELL about it, and I had an appointment with BOB for yesterday morning and he stood me up. He kept me waiting for an hour and a half and didn't show up.
C: Where was that, downtown?

D: No, up at his office...

C: Yeah, uh, huh...

D: I'm trying to see what..what the hell is what on this damn thing..

C: ..and uh, DAVE, I think we're going to have to go ahead and we're gonna take some drastic steps..that's it. . because at this stage it looks like..I don't know what to say about, you know, OWEN and her status.

D: Yeah. Well, you see, that's..that's the problem that everybody has been running away from .

C: Yeah.

D: ..because nobody wants to face that nothing else is done.

C: Uh huh.

D: ..and I think ..well, we'll just have to step in and do something about that problem.

C: I agree with you. Uh, huh.

D: ..and then, then, move ahead, you see. We can't do anything up here until that's settled.

C: Uh, huh.

D: We had a good discussion with BOB CAMPBELL (ph.) and JOHNNY LAVIN (ph) and HORACE MARSHALL (ph.) Everything was all set. But the one crucial point is this...is to break this....

C: Yeah. Uh, huh.

D: ..log jam here. -

C: Well, I'll tell you what, DAVE. I'll speak to WEINSTONE (ph.) about it and maybe we can get in a get-together, you know, an official meeting and just put the cards on the table, you know.

D: Yeah, well, something has to be done to get this thing moving or else..or sels we'll never get any school up there.

C: Right. I agree. Well, I hadn't called you, DAVE, because I was trying to get ahold of OWEN, you know.

D: Yeah.

C: ...and you know, see just what was what, you know, vacation's all over now.

D: Uh,huh. One other thing,CHARLIE.

C: Yeah.

D: ..about the financial problem. Are they all cleared up now?
 C: No, not quite. That's what I want to check with GWEN. Now, some of the most pressing ones were cleared up. At least we'd thought, you know, and that's one of the things that BOB is needed...I have to... you know, talk to GWEN about.
 D: Yeah. Do you know whether that five hundred dollars, you know what I'm talking about. You know, what I'm talking about?
 C: Yeah. Uh, huh.
 D: Was that paid?
 C: Well, that particular one, I think was not paid.
 D: That wasn't paid?
 C: Yeah.
 D: Well, I understand that the guy is turning the business over to his lawyer and he's instituting suit on it.
 C: Uh huh.
 D: ...on that five hundred and it's just not right, you know, he's sure..
 C: I know,
 D: One of our friends..it's a personal responsibility..
 C: Uh huh.
 D: So, this....
 C: It's all part of a mess. I guess it's part of GWEN's breakdown.
 D: Yeah. It is..I suppose that is most of it, but it's not right to get this other guy involved in a law suit...
 C: I understand that...
 : ..over five hundred dollars.
 C: Yeah.
 D: He just won't listen to anything. He says that he has..if he doesn't have that money by October first...

C: Uh huh.
D: Then, the case is going to be brought to court.

C: Uh huh.
D: ...against this other buy.

C: Uh huh.
D: ..and I don't think we ought to allow it.

C: Well, I'll tell you what, DAVE. Let's see...I'm gonna speak to CHESTER (ph.) about it in a couple of minutes. Whenever he comes in.. and see if we can, you know, get to the bottom of that. But I don't understand why GWEN...she must be very, very seriously ill not to have, ..not to have, you know, called or done anything because she.. we also wrote her a letter. We'll have to get around that problem, DAVE and move on.

D: Well, apparently, she's, you know, she's in such a state over this whole business that she..she just runs away from everybody and everything on it.

C: That's right. She couldn't..I don't think she could function in the state of mind that she's in anyhow.

D: No.

C: No. I think that's generally ..over it now. Well, all right, DAVE, I'll speak to CHESTER but I'll speak to WILL (ph.) also about what we ought to do and see if we can't go ahead and get a meeting and..and then, say organize something from scratch if we have to.

D: Well that's..that's the only way that we can do it.

C: Uh huh.

D: BOB CAMELL and I discussed some ideas but we have to get cleared on it.

C: Right.

D: ..and then these financial problems have to be taken care of.

C: Yeah. Well it would be...it wouldn't be the same thing. It would be something ..something different. Well I'll take it up with the guys and see what we can develop, huh?

D: O.K.

C: All right. I'm glad you called, DAVE, because we wanted to get this thing moving.

D: Yeah. Well, we simply must. Here we are, we've got...annexes operating everywhere.. in Harlem there's nothing doing.

C: Right. O.K. All right, DAVE.

D: O.K. CHARLIE. Goodbye.

- END -

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York 7, New York

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

November 28, 1947

MEMO

RE: **GWENDOLYN BENNETT**
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On 10/21/47 Confidential Informant [redacted] made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party:

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Communist Party, N Y State
Communist Party, NY County
12th-13th Realty Corporation
F & D Printing Company
Workers' Bookshop

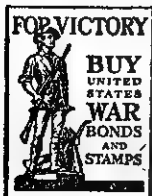
Freedom of the Press, Inc.
(Worker and the Daily Worker
Morning Freiheit Association
(Morning Freiheit and Jewish Life)
Wholesale Book Corporation

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the holographic initials of Special Agent R. K. Deane and Special Employee S. W. Jennings, who can testify to legally admissible character of the exhibit.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit # 101 218 in file # 100-4931.

Carbon copy of what appears to be list of persons invited to attend plenum of National Committee, CPUSA, Dec. 3, 4, 5 & 6, 1946 at Hotel Diplomat, NYC. (See 100-7931-6306 for report of proceedings). List includes name of: **GWEN BENNETT**.



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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

New York 7, New York

December 31, 1947

MEMO:

RE: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto is a copy of a report received from Confidential Informant [redacted] on November 4, 1947 listing the members of the Board of Directors for 1947 for the above captioned school.

The original report has been placed in file [redacted].

FRANK J. SMITH, SA

CC - [redacted]

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100-56529 BENNETT
100-56776 BROWN
100-51119 DALE
100-23825 DAVIS
100-46397 DMITRY
100-79275 DONAWA
100-25857 ROBESON
100-45678 STEVENS
100-26011 YERGAN
100-14347 SMITH

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New York City
November 4, 1947

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL

The Geo. Washington Carver School, 57 West 125th Street, New York City, has dis-continued its activities for the winter term 1947, due to the lack of funds to operate.

The following are members of the Board of Directors for 1947 for the above mentioned school:

Administrative Directors

GWENDOLYN BENNETT - Director
HERMIE DUMONT - Assistant Director
EDITH ROBERTS - Registrar
ELIZABETH ADAMS - Librarian
MAYME BROWN - Secretary
CLIFFORD DAVIS - Business Manager

Board of Directors at large.

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, CHARLES BUCHANAN, HENRY K. CRAFT, THELMA DALE, EDWARD S. LEWIS, CANADA LEE, BENJ. J. DAVIS, JR., ERNEST DEMITRY, JUDGE HUBERT T. DELANY, DR. A.B. DONAWA, PAUL ROBESON, FERDINAND C. SMITH, DOROTHY STEELE, HOPE R. STEVENS, DR. MAX GERGAN, A.C. POWELL JR., MELVA L. PRICE, SAMUEL B. LEAVIN, REV. CHARLES Y. TRIGO, HARCOURT TYNES, CONSULEA LEE TAPPIN and ALTA DOUGLAS.

There is a possibility that the Geo. Washington Carver School, might re-organize after January 1948 and re-open its doors to the public.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

December 1947

MEMO:

Re: Name and Alias

Gwendolyn Bennett
was, Gwendolyn Bennett

INTERNAL SECURITY - C; ~~SECURITY MATTER - C~~

In connection with the current project of bringing the Security Index Cards up to date, the following requested information is being set forth on the captioned subject. It is requested that the source be given in verifying the employment and address, ex. current telephone directory, pretext phone call, Superintendent, etc.

- 0 1. Residence address 2 West 120th St N.Y.C.
2. Place and address of employment Not presently employed. Geo. Washington Carver School, of which she was Director, has closed. She is out of city, convalescing from recent illness.
3. Citizenship and former nationality, if naturalized U.S.A.

4. Should Security Index Card be kept? Yes.

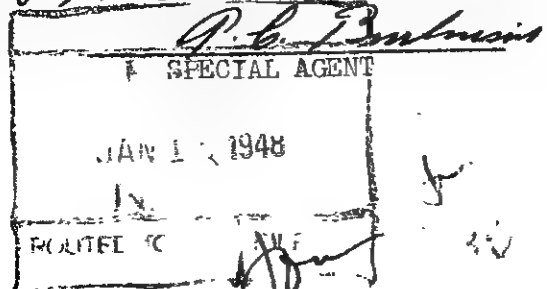
5. Reason for retaining Security Index Card Former head of Geo. Washington Carver School, C.P. institution, now closed. Member of Harlem Section of C.P.

Verified through Post Office
Telephone call to Bonita Williams, head of United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization, located at 57 West 125th St, where Carver School now located.

NY File # 100-56529
RJG:KD

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Bureau adv. by form letter of
subject's employment. S.I. Card
revised. 2.d.



Director, FBI

October 20, 1948

SAC, New York

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL
also known as Carver School
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
(Bureau file 100-240181)

Reference is made to New York teletype to the Bureau in the above entitled case, dated 11/8/47, advising that the Carver School had ceased to operate.

Since the date of referenced teletype, Confidential Informants [redacted] have made periodic checks to ascertain whether the above named institution had renewed operations, and have reported that the Carver School definitely is out of existence, and will not be reopened. According to the said informants, the school owes between eighteen and twenty thousand dollars to creditors, and former members of the Board of Directors of the institution have disclaimed liability for the debt, denying any connection with the said school.

This information has been verified by [redacted]

[redacted] also has advised that he learned from reliable sources that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, former director of the school, is now mentally unbalanced.

In view of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted, and this case is being closed.

cc: NY 100-56529 (Gwendolyn Bennett)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

December 14, 1948

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 100-293468

SAC,
New York

Dear Sir:

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
New York File #100-56529

MR. BELMONT	FOR VICTORY
MR. WHELAN	BUY
MR. COLLIER	UNITED STATES
MR. GRANVILLE	WAR
MR. KURTZ	BONDS
MR. DESSAULT	AND
MR. GANFAN	STAMPS
NIGHT SUPERVISOR	
MR. QUINN	
MR. RING	
MR. SHANNON	
MR. TUCKY	
MR. WILSON	
PROPERTY CLERK	
TRAINING UNIT	

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent John J. Manning dated 9-20-46 at New York.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

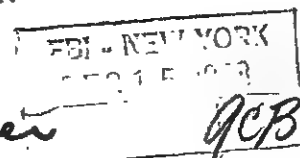
In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such as threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New York, New York

MEMO

RE: Gwendolyn Bennett

SECURITY MATTER - C

On 2/28/49 Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Albany Office made available a photostatic copy of a Quarterly Payroll Report filed by Jeff. Sch. Soc. Sec. with the State of New York, Department of Labor, Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance for the period 4-1-47 to 6-30-47. 1-1-47 to 3-31-47

This Quarterly Payroll Report lists the name, social security number and amount of wages paid, to the employees of this organization.

The above individual's name, with Social Security Number 46 07 865-1 appears on the Quarterly Payroll Report, the photostatic copy of which is being maintained as an exhibit in the case file of the organization.

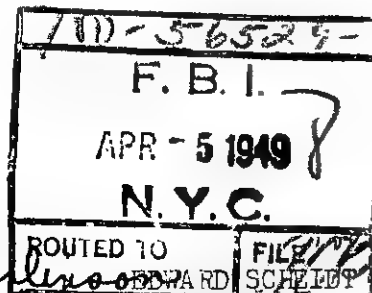
It is suggested that the above name be searched through the indices and if a case file is located, this memo should be incorporated into the case file. If no case file is located, a dead file should be opened on this individual.

If the information furnished by Albany Confidential Informant [redacted] is used in a report, extreme caution should be exercised to insure absolute protection of the identity of the Informant and no mention should be made of the "Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance".



ADW:ERT:KAC

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. _____

Date: 9/20/49

MEMO

Re: Gwendolyn Bennett, was Gwendolyn
Bennett Crosscup, was Alfred Jackson;
Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
New York File 100-56529

In connection with the preparation of a current list of Key Figures in this office, the following requested information is being set forth on captioned subject:

1. Party name or name under which Subject is commonly known:

Gwendolyn Bennett

2. Present titles in Party or positions in front organizations, labor unions, publications, etc.:

Former Director, George Washington
Conver School

3. Status of case: Pending _____, Pending inactive ☒. Date of last New York report 9/20/46

4. Security index card prepared or requested of Bureau: Yes ☒
No. _____

If not, give reason why not: _____

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Melvin G. Thompson
Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

November 2, 1949

MEMO:

Re: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

In preparation of this report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON the following references were reviewed and found to be identical with the subject. Pertinent portions of these references have been incorporated in this report and previous reports. The following references should be consolidated:

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July 28, 1945 p. 4

February 3, 1945 p. 27

December 23, 1944 p. 7

December 29, 1944 or 1945 p. 11

April 14, 1945 p. 2

January 19, 1945 p. 22

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January 5, 1943 p. 7, col. 3 (photo)
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October 26, 1943 p. 7, col. 5 (photo)
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January 24, 1945 p. 11, col. 2
March 6, 1945 p. 7, col. 4

100-83035-1B1 (Issue of Winger, 1947)

"Daily Worker" November 10, 1945 p. 11, col. 1
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MELVIN A. THOMPSON, SA

Director, FBI

November 2, 1949

SAC, New York

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-293468)

A review of instant file reflects that the above named individual has not been engaged in Communist activities since November, 1947.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have advised that since 1947, at which time the George Washington Carver School closed, that they have not observed nor heard of any Communist activities on the part of the subject.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT had suffered a nervous breakdown in 1947 and that it was not known whether or not the Carver School would ever reopen.

In view of the above, GWENDOLYN BENNETT'S name is being removed from the Key Figure List in the New York Office and this case is being closed subject to being reopened should the subject again become active in the Communist Party.

Owing to the past activities of the subject in the Communist Party, it is suggested that the Security Index Card in this case continue to be maintained.

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON, at New York, dated November 2, 1949.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 100-56529

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE NOV 2 1949	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/1-3; 8/2; 9/23; 10/5, 14, 17/49	REPORT MADE BY MELVIN A. THOMPSON
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>FD/22 submitted to above Bureau of subject's employment at Jeff. School of Social Science. - S. I. 120th Street and is unemployed. Card passed, 12-13-49. 2.7.</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>Subject, in 1946, was instructor at Jefferson School of Social Science. Was also director of now defunct George Washington Carver School. T-2 advised in February, 1947 that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is a member of National Cultural Commission of CP. T-1 in September, 1947, advised that Carver School closed and that subject suffered nervous breakdown. T-4, T-5, and T-6 have advised that periodical checks from December, 1947 to October, 1949, failed to disclose any CP activity of the subject. T-4 and T-6 state subject is still residing with husband, RICHARD CROSSCUP, at Two West 120th Street and is unemployed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Bureau file 100-293468 Bureau letter, 12/14/48 Report of SA JOHN J. MANNING, New York, 9/20/46</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science for September - December, 1946, reflects that the subject will be an instructor at the school.</p> <p>On November 22, 1946, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 1.5em;"> 100 56529 84 <i>[Signature]</i> </div>	
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Washington Carver School, was planning to attend the Eastern States Conference on Education on November 23 and 24, 1946, at Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 14, 1947, reported that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, announced that 6,000 persons have taken advantage of the school's educational opportunities over the past three years. She also reported that some new courses were to be started and that the instructors and guest lecturers would be CHARLES LOMAN, RAY HANSBOROUGH, HENRY WINSTON, MAX WEISS, CHARLES A. COLLINS and EDWARD STRONG.

On February 21, 1947, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party.

The catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science for April and June, 1947 listed GWENDOLYN BENNETT as a faculty member of this institution.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that all instructors and guest lecturers at the Jefferson School of Social Science are either Communist Party members or strong Communist sympathizers.

On September 17, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the George Washington Carver School discontinued operation. Informant said the school was deeply in debt, that the director of the school, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, had suffered a nervous breakdown and no one knew where she was living at this time.

On November 4, 1947, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that the George Washington Carver School had closed its doors and discontinued its activities due to the lack of funds.

From December, 1947 to October, 1949, Confidential Informants T-4, T-5, and T-6, all of known reliability, advised that they have made periodical checks to ascertain whether the George Washington School has renewed operations and that they found that the school is definitely out of existence and will not be reopened.

In October, 1948, Confidential Informant T-7, [redacted] advised that he had heard from reliable sources that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, former director of the school,

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is suffering from a nervous breakdown and is somewhat mentally unbalanced and that she is no longer connected with any activities of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-4 and T-6 advised in August, 1949 that the subject is suffering from a nervous breakdown and is no longer connected with any activities of the Communist Party. Informants stated that the subject is residing at Two West 120th Street, New York City, with her husband, RICHARD CROSSCUP, and that she is confining herself to her apartment and that she is unemployed.

On October 5, 1949, Mrs. GLADYS M. ALEXANDER, Two West 120th Street, New York City, was interviewed under pretext and Mrs. ALEXANDER stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is in "poor health" and seldom leaves her apartment. She stated that the subject is a housewife and that for the past two years the subject and her husband have "kept to themselves" and have had very few visitors.

On October 14, 1947, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that he had ascertained from reliable sources in Harlem that the subject was "through with the Communist Party" and was only interested in her own affairs as a wife and her duties as a housewife.

- C L O S E D -

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON, at New York, dated NOV 2 1949 are as follows:

T-1

[REDACTED]

T-2

[REDACTED]

T-3

[REDACTED] who reported to
SA CHARLES F. HEINER.

T-4

[REDACTED] who reported to
SA FRANK J. SMITH.

T-5

[REDACTED] who reported to
SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON.

T-6

[REDACTED] who reported to
SAS JOHN J. MANNING and
MELVIN A. THOMPSON.

T-7

[REDACTED]

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What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

SKITS & SKETCHES' present original revue "New Faces of 1950" at People's Drama, 17 W. 24th St. 8.30 p.m. Dancing. Subs. 75c.

CAMP UNITY Reunion Dance—Show. Manzie Johnson Orchestra. Manhattan Center, Thanksgiving Eve. Call ALgonquin 4-8024 for reservations.

PHILIP EVERGOOD will discuss Painting with Sidney Finkelstein on Culture and the Working Class at the Jefferson School, 575-6th Ave. 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$1.

PICASSO and GOYA will be discussed by Gwendolyn Brown at the Jefferson School, 575-6th Ave. 8:30 p.m. Subs. \$1.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York**

December 9, 1949

MEMO:

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.;
SECURITY MATTER-C

The 1949 fall catalog for the Jefferson School of Social Science lists the above-captioned individual as being an instructor for the school.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on November 2, 1949 advised that the subject is teaching two classes every Wednesday night at the Jefferson School and that to his knowledge this is her only employment.

MELVIN A. THOMPSON, SA

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New York 7, New York

CONFIDENTIAL

December 13, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: DETCOM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

OWEN DOLYN BENNETT, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

For your information the above captioned individual on whom a Security Index card has been prepared by this office has formerly been designated for priority attention in the event of an emergency necessitating apprehension of persons listed in the Security Index.

However, inasmuch as she is no longer being considered a Key Figure in this office, her name is being removed from this group at this time.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC

cc: 100-56529 ✓

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607 U.S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

December 29, 1949

MEMO

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By report dated November 2, 1949, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised of a visit to the Jefferson School and of miscellaneous activities.

Informant advised that GWYNOLYN BENNETT and NORMAN LEWIS are teachers at the Jefferson School. HARRY HAYWOOD is a lecturer at the school. BENNETT is married and is living at the Park View Apts. 2 W. 120th St. Apt. 5L under the name of CROSSCUP.

[redacted] further advised that the Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization has been moved from 57 W. 125th St. to 44 W. 125th St. This new office will also be the office of the Harlem Lodge of the International Workers Organization.

M. A. THOMPSON, SA

CC: [redacted]

100-81495 (Harry Haywood)
100-56529 Gwynolyn Bennett (Crosscup)
100-82882 (Norman Lewis)
100-81319 (U.H.T.C.O.)
100-80223 (I.W.O.)

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A VISIT TO JEFFERSON SCHOOL

At the Jefferson School of Social Reserve, located at 575 6th Ave November 2, 1949. I visited the library on the 4th floor of that building, the Book Store on the ground floor, and the Business office which is also located on the ground floor and next to the Book Shop. In the office there were (3) women (2) white (1) colored but with very fair skin. The colored woman I later learned was the wife of ABNER BERRY, the Communist Party Organizer and the Editor of the Harlem Worker; ABNER BERRY is originally from Kansas City, Missouri, and is the oldest of (5) brothers, two of which were formerly the Berry Bros. team of Stage and Movie fame.

MRS. BERRY is the registrar at the Jefferson school.

In both the Library and Book Store there were communist party literature-- which all the clubs are using to distribute throughout the city. There were pictures of all the Communist Party Leaders and particularly the enlarged pictures of BEN DAVIS, which has the key spot upon entering the school.

I entered the school at 4:30 p.m. to wait for GWINOLYN BENNETT whom I learned is teaching at the School. She entered at 5:00 p.m. I talked with her and learned that she is teaching (3) courses in Fine Arts, "Art Appreciation", "How to Look at Pictures", and "Art History." She has been teaching at Jefferson School this year since the beginning of the Fall term in September. GWINOLYN was former head of the Carver School which was located at 57 W. 125th St. and which I learned, has now been moved to 44 W. 125th St. under the name of the Harlem Tenants & Consumers Organization. The School has not functioned in about a year and a half.

GWINOLYN is about 50 years of age, 5' 1" - 150 lbs, mixed gray hair, glasses, and slightly round shoulders. Wears hair off the face with knot in back. MRS. BENNETT is married and is living at 2 W. 120th St. under the name of CROSSCUP. The apt. number is 5L in the Park View Apts.

Also teaching at the Jefferson School is NORMAN LEWIS, artist, GWATHAME and the author of the book "Negro Liberation," HARRY HAYWOOD. NORMAN LEWIS and GWATHAME are regular teachers on the staff whereas HARRY HAYWOOD is listed as lecturer.

In the new office of the Harlem Tenants Organization at 44 W. 125th St. will also be the office of the International Workers Organization and the office of the Veteran Organization. They were in the process of establishing themselves while I was there. ADELLE ADAMS is still the organizer for the Harlem Tenants Organization.

What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

HOWARD FAST will discuss The Novel in Culture and the Working-Class series at Jefferson School, 575-6th Ave. 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$1.00.

FOLK DANCING of many nations; beginners, advanced; fun. Rose Slav, Director. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 123 E. 16th St.

OWENDOLYN BENNETT will discuss How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation. Tonight at 8:15 p.m. The Jefferson School, 575-6th Ave. Sub. \$1.00.

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N.Y.C., 3-17-50

Re: Ewendolyn Crosscup
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On 3-16-50, [redacted] advised SA Herbert P. Larson
& SE S.W. Jennings that he had observed a copy of the

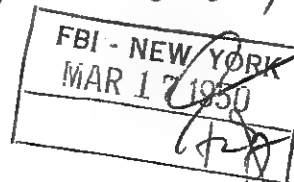
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This memo is submitted to record that information.
The item mentioned was not obtained from the
informant since it has no evidentiary value

SA. Damon W. Pitcher

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
March 22, 1950

MEMO:

RE: *GWENDOLYN BENNETT*
INTERNAL SECURITY ~~MAILED~~ - C

On 1/9/50, [redacted] furnished to SA RICHARD T. CLANCY, a copy of the Winter, 1950, catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

The name of the above individual is included in the list of instructors and lecturers. Details of the courses taught by the subject may be obtained from a copy of the Jefferson School catalogue which is kept in the 12th floor library for ready reference.

VICTOR A. LEMAITRE, SA

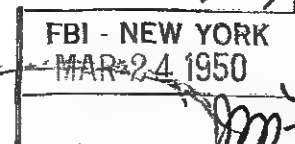
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
April 17, 1950.

MEMO:

RE: **GWENDOLYN BENNETT**

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On 3/31/50, [redacted] furnished to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, a copy of the Spring, 1950 catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

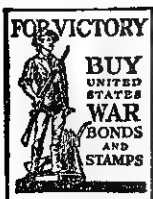
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VICTOR A. LEMAITRE, SA

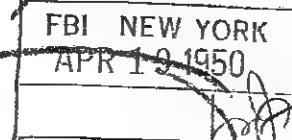
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See 4-10-50 memo



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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, *was.*
 GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP,
 MRS. ALFRED JACKSON,
 GWENDOLYN BENNETT JACKSON
 SM - C
 This Office File 100-56529

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 2 WEST 120TH ST.
 N.Y.C.

Employment: JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Address: 575 SIXTH AVE., N.Y.C.

Remarks: Teaching one night a week, Wednesday night.
 MAN. PCT. #24

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence:

2 West 120th St
 N.Y.C.

(LE 4-4350)

Employment:

Consumers Union of U.S., Inc.

Address:

Mailing & Subscription Dept., 38 E 1 St. N.Y., N.Y.
 (OR 4-1300)

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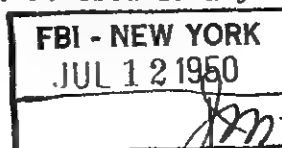
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Date:

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The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.



Tonight Manhattan
 THE CULTURE OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE will be discussed by Gwendolyn Bennett at the Jefferson School, 375 Sixth Ave. 8:30 p.m. Subs. \$1.00.
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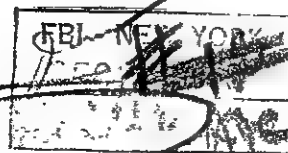
*Register and Attend Class
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- THE CULTURE OF THE
NEGRO PEOPLE
Gwendolyn Bennett
Wed. 8:30 p.m.—Fee 3.50
- PUERTO RICO AND THE
FIGHT FOR FREEDOM
Theodore Bassett
Wed. 6:45 p.m.—Fee 3.50
- PSYCHO-ANALYSIS:
IDEOLOGY OF REACTION
Harry Martel and guest
Wed. 6:45 p.m.—Fee 3.50

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MEMO

Re: *GWENDOLYN BENNETT*
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On January 6, 1951 Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER a copy of the Winter 1951 catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

The name of the above individual is included among the instructors and lecturers. Details of the courses taught by the subject may be obtained from a copy of the Jefferson School catalogue which is maintained in the 12th floor library for ready reference.

ARTHUR R. MADIGAN, SA

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New York, New York
March 2, 1951

MEMO:

RE: JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
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On 2/6/51, [redacted] made available to the writer, a mimeographed pamphlet of the Jefferson School announcing "A Special Late Fall Program" of 10 short term courses of interest to all progressives, beginning on 11/20/50.

This pamphlet is being submitted as an exhibit in NY file 100-51820.

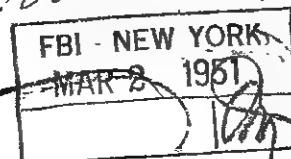
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NY 100-94653 (Victor Perlo)
NY 100-56529 (Gwendolyn Bennett) ✓
NY 100-26041 (Howard Selsam)
NY 100-88368 (John Pittman)
NY 100-90853 (Sidney Finkelstein)
NY 100-26032 (Philip S. Foner)
NY 100-37456 (Leonard Leader)
NY 100-13242 (Harry Martel)
NY 100-26033 (David Goldway)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: *Gwendolyn Bennett*
was:

This Office File *100-56529* *Dooley*

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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: *2 W. 120th St. N.Y.C.*

Employment: *Consumers Union of U.S. Inc. Marketing and Subscription Dept.*
 Address: *38 E. 1st St. N.Y.* *OR 3-1700*
 Remarks: *Pretext # 24*

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *2 W 120 St NYC*

Employment: *Consumers Union of U.S.*

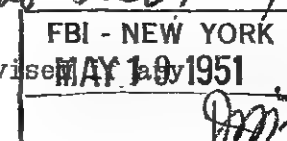
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Method of Verification: *Neighborhood 4-28-51*

Date: *Pretext call 5-7-51*

The security index card on this subject should be revised if changes are noted above.



New York, New York

August 29, 1951

MEMO:

RE: EARL RUSSELL BROWDER, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 6, 1951, Special Agent JOHN J. KEARNEY and the writer interview Miss JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS at her art studio in Suffern, New York. The book "Contempt of Congress - The Trial of Earl Browder" written and compiled by the subject, a copy of which had recently been loaned to this office by Miss ADAMS was returned to her at that time. She was also questioned further in detail regarding recent contacts that she had had with subject and gave in substance, the following information regarding her background in liberal and Communist movements, whereby she had come in contact with various Communist leaders and functionaries leading up to her acquaintance with EARL BROWDER, the subject herein.

CC: 100-32826 (JIM ALLEN)
100-26033 (DAVID GOLDWAY)
100-25902 (SAM DARCY)
100-15583 (FRANKFELD)
100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
100-44213 (ELIZABETH GREEN)
100-56529 (GWENDOLYN BENNETT) ✓
100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
100-14381 (RUTH MC KINNEY)
100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
100-55192 (HELEN SIMON)
100-81788 (EUGENE DENNIS)
100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON)
100-12376 (GERHART EISLER)
100-16983 (ELLA WINTER STEWART)
100-25773 (CAROL WEISS KING)
100-60796 (HELEN BLACK)
100-9961 (MIKE GOLD)
100-25839 (BELLA DODD)
100-9657 (BLACKIE MEYLLIS)
100-14205 (IRENE BROWDER)

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She stated that she had been employed as an art instructor at Swarthmore College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a period of approximately ten years and was there at the time of the Spanish Revolution during the latter part of the 1930s. She stated that about that time, she became interested in the cause of the Loyalists in Spain through various movements by the aid and relief of that group at Swarthmore College. She stated that she became active in the Civil Liberties Union and interested herself in a number of wire tapping cases involving the Philadelphia Police Department.

She further advised that as the result of her activities in the Civil Liberties Union and testimony given by her regarding wire tapping before a Congressional Committee, she received a great deal of unfavorable publicity and was released as an instructor at Swarthmore. She further stated that this was accomplished by a failure to renew her contract on the part of the college. She said that following the termination of her teaching contract at Swarthmore, the Teachers Union of Philadelphia became interested in her case and undertook to manage her defense.

She explained that the Communist Party had a strong hold on the Teachers Union of Philadelphia at that time, but that she was not aware of its influence in the beginning. She said that it became more apparent to her as time went on that the Communist Party was trying to dictate the manner in which her defense was to be handled and that she later learned that JIM ALLEN and DAVID GOLDWAY in New York City had sent word to SAM DARCY that he should take a less prominent part in the matter when it became evident that the Communist influence was having an adverse effect on her case.

She further advised that during the time she worked with the Civil Liberties Union, she had come in contact with one FRANKFELD (believed to be PHILIP FRANKFELD) and CARL REEVES, a son of MOTHER BLOOR), an old Communist Party member in Pennsylvania, who was also interested in the

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Civil Liberties Union. She stated that during this period, she believed that these individuals assumed that she was "one of them".

She continued by stating that the defense made in her behalf by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia was unsuccessful and that after she left Swarthmore College, she was contacted by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and requested to assist in the release of EARL BROWDER from Federal prison where he was then serving time on a Passport Fraud violation. She said that pursuant to this request, she did become interested in the BROWDER Case and subsequently discussed the matter with Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and on the same date also discussed the matter with President ROOSEVELT at Hyde Park, New York, on Mrs. ROOSEVELT's suggestion. She stated that she did not recall the date of her visit there, but that it was the weekend that the Duke of Kent was visiting the ROOSEVELTS at Hyde Park.

She stated further that she presented three cases to President ROOSEVELT at that time. These cases were in reference to SAM DARCY, who had been convicted in the State of California on a charge of violating the state election laws; the case of ELIZABETH GREEN, a case arising in the State of Oklahoma by reason on the sale of Communist literature, a case in which ROBERT MORRIS LOVETT of the University of Chicago and others had been interested; and the case of EARL BROWDER, previously referred to herein. She stated that the only thing she recalled regarding President ROOSEVELT's reaction to these cases at that time was in reference to the case of EARL BROWDER, when he inquired of her what she thought the public reaction would be in the event BROWDER was released from prison. She further stated that he made no definite statement regarding the case or whether he would further consider the matter at that time.

She further stated in reference to SAM DARCY, above referred to, that he was in charge of the Workers School in Philadelphia when she (ADAMS) was at

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Swarthmore, that he had been convicted for an election violation in the State of California and extradited from the State of Pennsylvania. She said that DARCY had formerly been a candidate on the Communist Party ticket in the State of California and that it was her impression that the election violation arose during that campaign.

Miss ADAMS also gave information to the effect that Mayor LA GUARDIA of New York City had also assisted in BROWDER's release indirectly in that he obtained assurances from the Communist Party leaders in New York City to the effect that there would be no public demonstration by the Communist Party as the result of BROWDER's release from prison and that this stipulation had been made by the President prior to BROWDER's release.

Miss ADAMS further stated that she was never a member of the Communist Party and had never seen BROWDER until after his release from prison. She stated that following her dismissal from Swarthmore, she taught an art course at the Jefferson School of Social Science for a short time. She said that she then considered the Jefferson School one of liberal thought and resigned from her position there when she realized that she would have to receive orders from the Communist Party if she remained. She stated that one GWENDOLYN BENNETT, who had formerly been connected with the George Washington Carver School took over the instruction of the art course at the Jefferson School of Social Science and that she recalled the name of this course as "The History of Art".

Miss ADAMS further stated that in her opinion, SAM DARCY sabotaged the campaign for the release of BROWDER in Philadelphia and that he had told her during that period when she was working in behalf of BROWDER that she should work on the HARRY BRIDGES Case instead of EARL BROWDER's. She said that in her opinion the most the Communist Party had expected in the BROWDER Case was that he might be released under certain limitations and conditions and that the party did not think that a pardon could be obtained.

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She further explained that DARCY had always pushed WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as against EARL BROWDER, hoping, she thought, to take over the position of General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, which position had been held by EARL BROWDER. She also advised that RUTH MC KINNEY, the writer, was a "FOSTERITE" as well as SAM DARCY, who she has always considered to be a "FOSTERITE".

Miss ADAMS further stated that when the DUCLOS Letter was received which resulted in the ousting of EARL BROWDER from the Communist Party, USA, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was out of the city, but returned a day or so later and while the party discussions, which resulted from the Duclos Letter, were still in progress. She stated that FLYNN was highly incensed regarding this letter and immediately took the defense of EARL BROWDER as against the other party leaders, that she denounced the party leaders and officials for their criticism of BROWDER. She also inquired as to the identity and authority of DUCLOS and questioned his right to dictate the policies of the Communist Party in the United States. She also stated that she doubted the authenticity of the DUCLOS Letter and considered the situation one of an internal nature to be decided only by the leadership of the Communist Party, USA, without outside interference, stating that the letter was in the nature of meddling.

She also stated that FLYNN called the attention of the Communist leaders to the fact that all of the members of the National Committee had supported BROWDER in his policies.

She also explained that FLYNN continued in this vein until she was endangered and on the verge of expulsion from the party herself, and that it was ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG who finally persuaded FLYNN that she should go along with the others.

ADAMS stated that she had talked with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN all night concerning this matter a

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short time following the receipt of the DUCLOS Letter and that FLYNN at that time had expressed many doubts regarding the party's criticism of BROWDER.

Miss ADAMS said that she considered FLYNN a "BROWDERITE" at that time and thought she had gone along with the Communist Party leadership mainly as a matter of expediency. She further explained that she has not had any contact with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN for several years and was therefore unfamiliar with her views and attitudes at the present time, but that she had always considered FLYNN more of a trade unionist than a Communist.

Miss ADAMS also stated that the DUCLOS Letter had first been translated from a French newspaper in Communist Party Headquarters, New York City, by one HELEN SIMON, who did translations there and that this individual brought this matter to the attention of the Communist Party leaders on three different occasions before any interest was shown in it. She also stated that EUGENE DENNIS and ROBERT THOMPSON were the persons who first became interested in taking some disciplinary action in connection with this letter.

Miss ADAMS further identified HELEN SIMON as one whom she had first known in Philadelphia, as connected, or at least interested, in the Civil Liberties Union. Miss ADAMS stated that she had seen HELEN SIMON with GERHART EISLER on several occasions, once after a meeting she had attended at Madison Square Garden, which was also attended by SIMON and EISLER. She further stated that she had always thought there was a considerable amount of collaboration between EISLER, DARCY and FOSTER in reference to the DUCLOS Letter, and the manner in which it was all handled, although she could offer nothing specific on which to support this belief.

She further reiterated information previously given to the effect that ELLA WINTER STEWART played a

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prominent part in connection with the DUCLOS Letter in that she was in France and Russia shortly prior to the preparation and release of the DUCLOS Letter, and it is her belief that BELLA WINTER STEWART took out with her from the United States, information and material furnished by FOSTER and DARCY that resulted in the DUCLOS Letter, stating that DUCLOS knew there were others here in the United States anxious to take over the leadership of the Communist Party. It is believed from the trend of her conversation that this idea had been advanced to ADAMS by EARL BROWDER or ELIZABETH CURLEY FLYNN.

ADAMS, upon inquiry, also furnished further information regarding the following individuals.

She stated that she did not consider CAROL WEISS KING a Communist Party member, though she devoted practically all her time to the work of the Communist Party and was approved of by the party. She said that she considered KING a "progressive legalist" and that she was a person the Communist Party could not control.

She stated that HELEN BLACK had once been married to MIKE GOLD, perhaps 15 or 20 years ago and that this information had been given her by ISABEL BLACK, HELEN's sister.

She stated that BELLA DODD's break with the Communist Party started with EARL BROWDER's ouster and that she would probably give information against the Communist Party, USA, or its present leaders if called before a committee or during the course of some legal proceeding, but she did not believe DODD would respond or furnish information against the party otherwise.

Miss ADAMS also advised that EARL BROWDER had told her that he talked with MOLOTOV when he last visited Russia. She also quoted BROWDER as having said in substance that he was discussing his book "Teheran our Course in Peace and War" with MOLOTOV during his visit there.

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he had hoped that MOLOTOV would agree with the general theme expressed therein. She stated that MOLOTOV had replied to the effect that if BROWDER's book was all wrong it was just too bad for the world. ADAMS also related that BROWDER had stated to her after writing the above entitled book "Josephine, my work is over". She further advised that BROWDER in this book had expressed the idea that Capitalism and Socialism could live and thrive without conflict in the same world and that she thought that was BROWDER's sincere belief and desire.

She further related that during recent conversations with BROWDER, he had indicated that he did not think the Communist Party would make much of a comeback for a long time to come because of the disrepute that had been brought upon it under its present leadership. She also stated that BROWDER had expressed the view that the Stockholm Peace Appeal was a "hoax".

ADAMS stated that an attempt had been made within the Communist Party, USA, to bring charges against EARL BROWDER a year or more prior to the DUCLOS Letter. She stated that BLACKIE MEYERS had at that time been one of the leaders in the defense of BROWDER. She said that later after the DUCLOS Letter, when charges were finally brought against BROWDER that MEYERS was still friendly towards him and tried to effect a compromise. She said that MEYERS had joined the Communist Party subsequent to the first attempt to oust BROWDER, and probably didn't put as much effort forth in BROWDER's behalf at the time of the final charges, since he was then subject to party discipline.

ADAMS further stated that REISA (IRENE) BROWDER predicted that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER would probably use his heart condition as an excuse to get out of the trial of the Communist leaders under the Smith Act, as he actually did. She said that IRENE BROWDER had previously told her that FOSTER had always fallen back on his heart condition and for years had always used it as an excuse when

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any attack was made against him or any crisis arose within the party in which he might be involved.

ADAMS also stated that she knew CRYSTAL FUCHS, a sister of KLAUS FUCHS, who was interviewed in England and gave information regarding the espionage agents in this country. She stated further that CRYSTAL FUCHS had attended Swarthmore College soon after her arrival in the United States from Germany and that she was then 15 or 16 years of age. She said that this girl had subsequently married one ROBERT HEINERMANN, the son of a wealthy family in Chicago, but that she had seen or heard nothing of either of these individuals for a period of many years.

The above is being submitted as a matter of information and appropriate copies are being designated for the case files of various individuals mentioned herein.

It should be noted that Miss ADAMS has given the above information in confidence and that if used or referred to, her identity should be protected by the use of a symbol.

J. ROBINSON FIELD, SA



Manhattan
JEFFERSON SCHOOL FORUM will present Harry Wells, Israel Kaplan and Joseph Nahem in a forum on "Consciousness and the Unconscious"; a Marxist Analysis, 8 p. m. Refreshments. Fee \$1. Jefferson School, 575 6th Ave.
NEW YORKERS: Eat, dance and sing, while you show interstate solidarity with the Baltimore victims of the Smith Act. Meet Maurice Braverman, one of the Baltimore Five. Sunday evening, Dec. 16, at 8:30 p.m. at the Hellenic Center, 359 W. 26 St.
GWENDOLYN BENNET, well-known artist and critic speaks on "Modern Art and the Problems of an Honest Artist." Sunday, Dec. 16, 8:30. ALP, 220 W. 80th St. (Bway.) Subs: 75c.

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SUNDAY FORUM
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"WORKING CLASS
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Reading and Analysis featuring:
Gwendolyn Bennett
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February 10th, 10 P.M.
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MEMORANDUM

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, *was*This Office File 100-56529
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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 2 W 120 St
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Employment: Consumers Union of US, Inc Mailing and Subscription Dept

Address: 38 E First St
NY, NY

Remarks: Photo att.

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It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *2 W. 120 St., NYC*

Employment: *Consumers Union of U.S., Inc., Mailing & Subscription Dept (Known there as Mrs Crosscup)*

Address: *38 E. 1st St (4th FL)*

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NOTE: The throwaway mentioned therein relates to a dance to be given by Jefferson School at the
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HARRY WEISS
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*Pantheon Ballroom,
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GWENDOLYN BENNETT, #100-56519; LOUIS BURNHAM,
Federal Bureau of Investigation #100-34082;
New York City
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LORRAINE HANSBERRY
#100-107297

Agent in Charge
My Dear Sir:

*Orig ltr. & both of its enclosures being
mailed to C. F. on Jefferson School of
Social Science
#12 JED 3/24/52*

Feb. 8, 1952

Enclosed please find two throw-a-ways, or at least one, and one "Jefferson School Bulletin" which my wife picked up while riding home in the subway. These two pieces of "literature" were the topic of discussion between two colored students, my wife explained to me, her notation on the reverse side of one.

It seems to me that a much more drastic form of punishment should be meted out to all Commies in this country, who have the nerve to flaunt their "Ism" so openly, in the guise of uplifting the down trodden Negro. This as you notice, is taught in the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Ave. of the Americas, N.Y.C. how, may I inquire can a school of this sort be allowed to operate at a time like this, when all America, and all other freedom loving Nations are engaged in a struggle to maintain that freedom? A great amount of talk and a little action has been going the rounds, but I think it is high time to crack down on all schools, clubs, and anything pertaining to Communism. Why are schools of this sort allowed to mould the minds of our children? How, and under what pretense do they obtain their permit? We have organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and other staunch Americans who are fighting tooth and nail to combat Communism, but in spite of all our efforts, if the youngster is indoctrinated with the ideals of the Commies, how much tougher is our struggle to straighten the student out, and guide them on to the right way of thinking.

I know the wonderful work the F.B.I. is, and has been doing, but in some way the Bureau must get rid of these institutions of "learning" for therein lies the greatest danger.

My home address is
64-86 82nd Place

Forest Hills, N. Y.

Harry Weiss

Senior Vice Commander.

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JEFFERSON SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Week of February 4th

Winter Term 1952

FROM THE DIRECTOR: Next week is Negro History Week. Founded in 1925 by the famed Negro historian, the late Carter G. Woodson, it has become a reminder to all thinking Americans, white and Negro, of the rich history of the Negro people in the U.S., of their manifold contributions to American wealth, life, and culture, and of their ever continuing struggle for national liberation.

Negro History Week, 1952, has special significance, coming in the wake of the most brutal and intensified attacks upon the Negro people, and at a time when they are moving with ever greater militancy in the struggle for full democratic rights. It comes also at the moment when hundreds of millions of oppressed colored peoples in the colonial countries are fighting as never before for their freedom.

As a Marxist institution, the Jefferson School not only must observe this event, appropriately set in the week of the births of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, but must seek in every way possible to throw the sharp clear light of Marxist science on the history and the struggles of the Negro people. This it can do especially through its Marxist understanding of the Negro question as a national question.

We urge all students and teachers to devote this month to special reading in Negro history, materials for which are listed on this page. We urge all to subscribe to the newspaper "Freedom," published by Paul Robeson and edited by Louis Burnham of our faculty.

The School's campaign of last term has brought fruits in a significant increase in our enrollment of Negro and Puerto Rican students, and a much higher level in our struggle against white chauvinism. We have gone forward. Let us use the month of February to consolidate our gains and to win for ourselves and all we associate with a greater understanding of the contribution and role of the Negro people in today's struggles of all people for democracy, peace and progress.

Jefferson Film Club presents . .

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. . . a devastating exposition of the "Race" theories of anthropological Pseudo-Science.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

Two continuous showings:
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DANCING and DINING in the Lounge
Admission: \$1.00

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SUNDAY FORUM dedicated to the
celebration of Negro
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"Working Class Poets of
the Negro People"

Readings and Analysis featuring:

— Gwendolyn Bennett
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plus Musical Features

FEB. 10th

8:00 pm

Fee: \$1.00

Half-price for students

Literature for Negro History Week

on sale in the Bookshop

Pamphlets

Aptheker -	The Negro in the American Revolution -----	20¢
	Negro Slave Revolts in the U.S.: 1526-1860 -----	25¢
	The Negro in the Abolitionist Movement -----	15¢
	The Negro in the Civil War -----	20¢
	The Negro People in America -----	40¢
	America's Racist Laws -----	10¢
Brown - - -	Lift Every Voice for Paul Robeson -----	3¢
Conrad - - -	Harriet Tubman -----	20¢
Davis - - -	The Negro People in the Struggle for Peace and Freedom -----	5¢
	The Path of Negro Liberation -----	5¢
	In Defense of Negro Rights -----	15¢
Foner, ed. -	Frederick Douglass: Selections -----	35¢
Hall - - -	Marxism and Negro Liberation -----	10¢
Jerome - - -	The Negro in Hollywood Films -----	25¢
Lenin - - -	The Right of Nations to Self-Determination -----	90¢

Books

Allen - - -	Reconstruction-----	\$1.50
Aptheker -	Documentary History of the Negro People in the U.S.-----	6.00
Brown - - -	Iron City-----	1.50
	The Negro Caravan-----	3.50
C.R.C. - - -	We Charge Genocide-----	1.00
Conrad & Patterson-	Scottsboro Boy-----	.79
Drake & Cayton -	Black Metropolis-----	6.00
Du Bois - - -	Color and Democracy-----	2.00
Dunbar - - -	Complete Poems-----	3.00
Foner, ed.-	The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass, Vol.I--	4.00
	The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass, Vol.II--	4.50
Franklin -	From Slavery to Freedom-----	6.75
Graham - - -	There Was Once A Slave-----	3.00
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Haywood - - -	Negro Liberation-----	1.00
Hughes - - -	Simple Speaks His Mind-----	1.00
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Periodicals

Freedom-----	February 1952-----	10¢
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38 East 1st Street (4th Floor), NYC (know there as Mrs. Crosscup)

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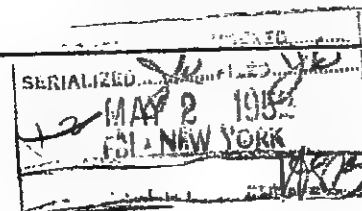
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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

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Employment: Consumers Union of U. S., Inc.,
Mailing and Subscription Dept.

Address: 4th Floor, 38 E. First St., NYC

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Address:

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Edw. J. Moore Jr.

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**Information
Please' Forum on
Negro History**

The Frederick Douglass Educational Center is conducting an Information Please forum on Negro life and history tomorrow (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at 124 W. 124 St.

Participants in the round table of questions and answers are Miss Gwendolyn Bennet, Lloyd Brown, Dr. Herbert Aptheker and Miss Elizabeth Lawson.

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Director, FBI (100-293468)

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SAC, New York (100-56529)

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was
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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

In connection with the Security Informant Program in the New York Division the following information is submitted.

Background

GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP, a negress, claims to have been born 7/8/02 at Giddings, Texas. She is married to RICHARD CROSSCUP, white, born 7/24/05. She is reported to have attended Columbia Teachers College, New York City and to have graduated from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York in 1924. She is also reported to have studied at Julien Academy, Paris, France in 1925 and 1926, and at Barnes Foundation, Marion, Pa. during 1927 and 1928.

Information received in October 1952 indicates she is employed in the subscription department of Consumers Union of U.S. Inc., 4th floor, 38 East First Avenue, New York City and presently resides at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

Communist Activity

Subject was listed in the winter term 1944 Catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York as an instructor. This catalogue also identified her as Director of the George Washington Carver School in New York. It is noted that both schools have been cited by the Attorney General as organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In 1941 during the course of an investigation conducted by the Works Progress Administration it was reported by a source of unknown reliability that the subject was a member of the Communist Party Publicity Committee for the New York District in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Another informant of unknown reliability reported that the subject was known to him as a Communist Party

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member in 1941. She was also reported by several sources to have been a delegate to the National Negro Congress Convention in Philadelphia in 1937. The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. It was also reported during the course of the WPA investigation in 1941 that she had campaigned in Pittsburgh in 1940 for JAMES FORD, CP candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1940.

She was during the period of 1943 to 1947 the director of the George Washington Carver School. It is noted that the school closed in late 1947 due to lack of funds. In 1947 she was reliably reported to be a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party.

During the course of an investigation conducted in 1941 by the WPA concerning the subject it was alleged by an individual of unknown reliability that RICHARD CROSSCUP, subject's husband was a member of the Communist Party in the year 1935. In this same investigation it was alleged that CROSSCUP was seen in the Communist Party offices on 13th Street, New York City in the year 1938.

In December 1946 a reliable informant advised that RICHARD CROSSCUP was teaching at the George Washington Carver School.

The 1946 issues of "Fraternal Outlook", monthly publication of the International Workers Order identified RICHARD CROSSCUP as National Director of Children's Activities for the IWO. He has been reported to have worked for the IWO until March 1951. His present occupation is unknown. The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In April 1946 a reliable informant advised that RICHARD CROSSCUP attended the Harlem Section Convention of the Communist Party held 3/1-3/46. The informant related that RICHARD CROSSCUP signed the register at the Convention and stated that all persons who signed the register were members of the Communist Party.

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Recently a reliable Confidential Informant of this office advised that up until the closing of the George Washington Carver School the subject had been its director. He reported that prior to the closing of this school the subject had engaged in a card game with persons outside the Communist Party and lost a considerable amount of money which belonged to the school. When an audit was made of the books of the school the shortage was discovered. The subject confessed to his actions, but was unable to make up the loss. She became quite upset about this and is reported to have suffered a nervous breakdown. At the time the shortage was discovered the Party leadership was quite alarmed and did not make any issue of it in order to prevent a break in morale in the Party. The informant stated that the leadership did not even bring this information to the attention of the Review Commission of the Party, for fear of embarrassment.

According to the informant the subject was inactive for a few years after the above mentioned incident, but according to present information he has received she is now teaching part time at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York. The informant has advised that anyone instructing at the Jefferson School would also have to be active in the Communist Party.

Plan of Approach

The subject will be approached in a direct manner, at a secure place, away from her residence and employment. She will be interviewed by two agents.

Bureau authority is requested so that the subject can be interviewed in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews under the Security Informant Program.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 9/21/53

FROM : SA MATHIAS F. ERIEG (100-56529)

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was
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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

Re NY letter to Bureau dated 6/4/53.

Numerous surveillances conducted at subject's residence, 2 West 120th St., NYC and at her place of employment, 38 East 1st Ave., NYC, have failed to provide suitable circumstances to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relative to interviews under the Security Informant Program.

Continued efforts will be made to effect the interview in the near future.

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Director, FBI (100-293468)

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28 SAC, New York (100-56529)

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

Re NY letter to Director dated 6/4/53.

Attempts to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relative to interviews under the Security Index Program have been unsuccessful to date.

New York will continue to effect the above interview and as soon as results are obtained the Bureau will be notified.

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Director, FBI (138-293)

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FLORENCE ANNA ENGLANDER
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On 9/14/53, the NY newspapers referred to a closed hearing conducted by Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY, Chairman of the Permanent Investigating Committee, US Senate, wherein a woman employee of the UN had testified and had agreed to make her story available to the FBI.

On 9/15/53, Inspector CARL E. HENNRICH of the Bureau telephoned to the NYO and advised that the identity of the above-mentioned woman employee was FLORENCE ANNA ENGLANDER.

1- 105-5498 (FLORENCE ANNA ENGLANDER)	1- 100-1087 (FRANK BANCROFT)
1- [REDACTED]	1- 138-1603 (Mrs. SARAH WHITEMAN)
1- 65-14681 (HELEN GRACE HESWICK SCOTT KEENAN)	1- 100- (FLORENCE LEVY ENGLANDER)
1- 100-55042 (LOUISE SCHATZ)	1- 100- (FLORENCE SLIPIAN ENGLANDER)
1- 100-90147 (ISADORE ENGLANDER)	1- 100- (PHILIP ENGLANDER)
1- 100-50985 (ELIZABETH ENGLANDER)	1- 100- (JOHN GARAY)
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Mr. HENNRICH instructed that the NYO telephonically communicate with ENGLANDER and make an appointment for an interview at a place away from the UN. On 9/15/53, Miss ENGLANDER was contacted by telephone at her office and an appointment was made with her to be interviewed alone by two agents in her apartment at 144-70 Village Road, Parkway Village, Jamaica, LI, NY.

At 7 P.M. on 9/15/53, Miss ENGLANDER was interviewed at her home by SAs HERBERT P. LARSON and FRANK J. NOWLAN. This interview lasted from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M., during which time Miss ENGLANDER was alone, and during which time she was cooperative in furnishing the following information concerning her past background and knowledge of CP organization and persons known to her to be connected with the CP:

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Miss ENGLANDER advised that she was born 4/21/14 at Philadelphia, Pa. Her parents are ABRAHAM and ROSE GERTLER (deceased), both born in Poland, possibly Warsaw. She graduated from the Theodore Roosevelt High School, Bronx, NY, in 1932. She subsequently took a six-month business course at the Julian Wadleigh High School, NYC. She attended the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., for four years at night school, from which she received a degree of BA. She received an MA degree in June 1946 from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that she has a twin sister, ELIZABETH, and a brother, PHILIP. She advised that her mother died approximately in 1934. Her father has subsequently remarried.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that her home life was completely lacking in spiritual values and that she was so unhappy at home that she left home about 1935. According to Miss ENGLANDER, her mother disliked her intensely and her twin sister, ELIZABETH, disliked and ignored her. She added that her brother, PHILIP, also treated her indifferently. As a result she developed an inferiority complex and "crawled into her shell". She advised that she loved her family but because

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of the treatment she received she found that she could only be happy if she left home. She added that her sister, ELIZABETH, suffered a mental breakdown in October 1943 and is probably still mentally ill. She stated that her father was a "bully" and selfish. Miss ENGLANDER advised that her father was socialistically inclined and had brought his children up to respect labor and trade unions and it was this political influence, she believed, that may have been responsible for some of her later activities.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that her family was very poor and that it was necessary for her mother to go to work. Her mother joined the ILGWU and as a result of her mother's conversations at home, Miss ENGLANDER gained a tremendous respect for unionism.

Miss ENGLANDER furnished the above information to indicate why she had left home and why she was not desirous of residing with her father or other members of her family. She emphasized that she was not jealous or envious of her family and remarked that her sister, ELIZABETH, was very smart in school, whereas she, Miss FLORENCE ENGLANDER, was not very good scholastically in school. FLORENCE ENGLANDER stated that sometime between 1937 and 1939 her sister, ELIZABETH, and her brother, PHILIP, also left home and came to reside with her at 1568 Madison Avenue. At that time both ELIZABETH and PHILIP were unemployed. In 1939, PHILIP married one BETTY (LNU). Prior to the marriage of these two they were both in the CP. Following their marriage, according to Miss ENGLANDER, her brother, PHILIP, and his wife dropped out of the CP. In 1940 ELIZABETH and FLORENCE separated. FLORENCE has not seen any of her family for over ten years. She stated that she has endeavored to prevent her family from seeing her and to that end she has not subscribed to a telephone because she was afraid that her family might secure her address. However, on 4/21/53 (her birthday), her father tried to see her at the UN reception desk. Miss ENGLANDER advised that the receptionist told her father that she would attempt to effect a reconciliation between him and his daughter. However, to date, Miss ENGLANDER has refused to see any of her family. The last she heard of her brother, PHILIP, (ten years ago) he was employed as a film technician for the Paramount Studios in NYC.

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Miss ENGLANDER stated that she has two cousins, both named FLORENCE ENGLANDER. One FLORENCE ENGLANDER, nee LEVY, a cousin by marriage, is married to ISADORE ENGLANDER, a cousin of FLORENCE. ISADORE ENGLANDER is an attorney with the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), where he has been so employed for fifteen years. He was born prior to 1914 in Poland. FLORENCE LEVY ENGLANDER was employed by the International Workers Organization in the 1930's and up to approximately 1943. A sister of ISADORE ENGLANDER, also named FLORENCE, and born in Poland, married a man, (FNU) by the name of SLIPIAN. FLORENCE ENGLANDER SLIPIAN was born about 1915. At one time she was employed in a clerical capacity at the National Maritime Union, NYC. Her husband was a volunteer in the Spanish Loyalist Army. He is known only to this source as "Slip".

EMPLOYMENT

Miss ENGLANDER stated that in 1934 she was unable to secure work, inasmuch as she "was not very bright and not very attractive". Through her cousin, ISADORE ENGLANDER, she obtained work in an office at 132 Nassau Street, NYC, as a stenographer and typist. This office was that of three attorneys named LIEBSTER, LEVY, and MC CONNELL. Each attorney paid her \$5 a week. She remained in that job for one year.

In 1935 she heard of the Emergency Welfare Bureau, a municipal organization. She took a typing test, passed it, and was appointed as a typist in the Emergency Welfare Bureau, where she stayed for five months. She stated that the director of the Emergency Welfare Bureau was a Miss CHARLOTTE CARR, who resigned in 1952. Miss ENGLANDER stated that at that time she was not interested in nor was she a member of the CP. However, upon taking the job at the Emergency Welfare Bureau she became friendly with one FRED. (LNU), a typist and several other girls whose names she cannot recall. The clerical staff in that office had formed some sort of union and had presented their grievances on frequent occasions to Miss CARR. The girls asked her to join this "union", the name of which is unknown to Miss ENGLANDER. She subsequently joined this union.

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She accompanied several girls on several instances on visits to Miss CARR, where their grievances were presented. She gradually realized that many of these clerical employees were members of the CP. In fact, Miss CARR'S personal secretary, who had an accent and whose name Miss ENGLANDER cannot recall, was a member of the CP, although this fact was certainly not known to Miss CARR.

Sometime during that employment someone, whom Miss ENGLANDER cannot remember, asked her to join the CP. She cannot recall but believes that she must have signed a CP card. At that time someone suggested that she use a name other than her own as a Party name. For that reason she used the name FLORA GERTLER. She noted that FLORA is a shortening of her first name, FLORENCE, and GERTLER was her mother's maiden name. Because of the activity of the clerical staff in the Emergency Welfare Bureau, Miss CARR was able to discharge the majority of the clerical employees. Therefore, Miss ENGLANDER was discharged. Being unemployed, she returned to live with her family. She stated that she could not remain at home because the family had not changed in their attitude toward her and attempted to dominate her.

Early in 1936 she met one ALFRED MILLER whom she had met while she was employed at the Emergency Welfare Bureau. Mr. MILLER had been very active in organizing the "union" at the Emergency Welfare Bureau. She recalled that he was a teacher at Brooklyn College, where he taught English in the evening school. She recalled also that MILLER told her that he was an organizer among the teachers at that school. She met him or he came to her, she cannot recall which, and suggested to her that there was a project which had been set up by Secretary HAROLD ICKES, which was a survey of the White Collared and Skilled Negro Workers in the United States. She was able to obtain a clerical job with that survey.

Dr. IRA De A. REID, who was a Negro Socialist and who had taught at Atlanta University, was the director of this survey in NYC. He is now teaching at Haverford College. She was appointed temporarily to this position and her office was in the national headquarters of this organization at 240 Fourth Avenue, NYC. She stated that this was an all Negro project but that according to MILLER they desired a few white girls among

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the employees. She noted that ALFRED MILLER, while extremely active as organizer, had never been present at any CP meetings where she attended. In fact, she never knew whether he was a member of the CP.

According to Miss ENGLANDER, she left home to take the above-mentioned job with the Survey of the White Collared and Skilled Negro Workers in the United States. She stated that MILLER immediately started to organize the clerical staff of this project into some union.

A Mr. ELLIS WILLIAMS, a British West Indian Negro, helped Miss ENGLANDER get a place to live and she subsequently moved into a small apartment on Seventh Avenue, about 111th or 112th Street, NYC. She noted that Mr. WILLIAMS was not a member of the CP to her knowledge. She resided at that address for approximately two years. Miss ENGLANDER stated that she was transferred from the Survey of the White Collared and Skilled Negro Workers in the United States to the Federal Art Project, a WPA project at 110 King Street, NYC. She later understood that she had been transferred by Mr. REID because he had received information that she was a member of the CP. She knew that Mr. REID was not sympathetic with the CP.

In 1937, while still employed by the Federal Art Project, she obtained a small two and one-half room apartment at 1568 Madison Avenue, near 103rd Street, where she lived alone except for the period when her sister, ELIZABETH, and brother, PHILIP, resided with her. She was employed as assistant to the personnel director and then in the director's office. She began employment with the Federal Art Project in approximately October 1936 and remained there until about November 1939.

During the early part of 1940 for approximately two months she was employed by the Museum of Modern Art, NYC, as assistant to the general director, Mr. HOLGER KAHILL. She stated that there were no CP members employed there to her knowledge.

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In the spring of 1940 to June 1940 she was employed by the Federal Union Secretary, Inc., 700 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, D. C. This was a non-profit organization. Mr. CLARENCE STREIT was the man in charge of this office. Miss ENGLANDER was employed under the supervision of the office manager.

In July 1940 she secured a position as typist in the Watervleit Arsenal, Albany, NY, in the Voucher Division. She remained there two or three months in Albany. She was transferred to Washington, D. C. in the fall of 1940, where she was employed in the office of the Chief Clerk, Special Services Division, War Department. She remained in that position until August 1943. In August 1943 she was assigned as a Research Analyst in the Historical Division, Army Air Force Intelligence, War Department, Washington, D. C. She was assigned to Gravelly Point, Va. She remained in that position until November 1945.

From September 1945 to June 1946 she was a student at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Tufts University, where she completed her Masters degree in August 1946.

After she completed her work at Tufts and returned to NY she stated she met ISABELLE LIPSCOMB who formerly worked with her at the Federal Art Project and, when Mrs. LIPSCOMB heard that the subject was looking for a job, she took the subject to the Institute of Pacific Relations office, 1 East 54th Street, NYC, where Mrs. LIPSCOMB introduced her to Miss TILLIE SHAHN, who was office manager of the IPR. Miss ENGLANDER advised that SHAHN introduced her to EDWARD CARTER who was director of the IPR and CARTER hired Miss ENGLANDER as a secretary. It is noted that ENGLANDER worked in this office for approximately one month from August to September 1946.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that in September 1946 she went to work at the UN and has been employed by the UN since that time. Prior to that time she had applied for work at the UN and was advised that there were no vacancies. It was for that reason that she took the position with the IPR. She

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was successful in obtaining work with the UN and was appointed to a clerical position in the office of the Secretary in the Trusteeship Division, Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories. She has always been employed in the Caribbean Division of that office.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

During the latter part of 1935, as described above, when Miss ENGLANDER was employed by the Emergency Welfare Bureau she joined the CP through the insistence of several girls who were employed in the same office. Miss ENGLANDER advised that the facts and date of her actual joining are not clear in her mind and she does not know the club to which she was first assigned when she was employed at the Emergency Welfare Bureau. She was under the impression, however, that this club met downtown in NYC and was mainly composed of girls who worked in the Emergency Welfare Bureau Office.

The CP meetings for this group were held every Tuesday night at different apartments in NYC. She cannot recall the address of any of these apartments or the names of those at whose apartments these meetings were held. She stated that she was a member of that group for only about one month. The leader of this group was an unknown white man. The group was composed mainly of girls.

Miss ENGLANDER recalled that a Mrs. BARON or BARRON, was secretary to the personnel officer, whom Miss ENGLANDER described as a member of the CP. Miss ENGLANDER could recall only that Mrs. BARON had a small daughter and that her husband had changed his name from some long Polish name.

During the time that Miss ENGLANDER was employed at the Survey of White Collared and Skilled Negro Workers in the United States she became acquainted with a Mr. CARL MAHON, a Negro from Trinidad, British West Indies. She stated that Mr. MAHON was not a member of the CP to her knowledge. However, MAHON introduced her to one EUSTACE KERR who was a member of the CP and who also was a Negro from Trinidad.

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She further advised that the wife of EUSTACE KERR, name unknown, was not, however, a CP member. It was through Mr. KERR that Miss ENGLANDER obtained a room in the apartment of one PIERRE (FNU) who rented several rooms in a large apartment located at Seventh Avenue between 111th and 112th Street. She remembered that at the request of EUSTACE KERR Mr. PIERRE signed a CP membership card but as she recalls he did not participate in any CP meetings or activities.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that she was assigned to the Harlem Section of the CP, inasmuch as she was residing in that district. She does not recall paying dues during that year (1936). She advised that she was assigned to a unit in the Harlem Section composed of a few colored and a few white members.

One person she recalls meeting at the Harlem Headquarters of the CP was one FRANK GRIFFIN, a Negro. She described GRIFFIN as a very effective speaker and one who addressed large groups of union workers for the CP. She described him as age early twenties (in 1937), 5'9", weight 150 lbs., complexion very dark, Negro, voice very heavy, clean cut features. She does not know whether GRIFFIN is presently in the CP. He lived at 160th Street, near Fifth Avenue.

Concerning ISADORE ENGLANDER, her cousin, who has been an attorney with the CPFB for over fifteen years, Miss ENGLANDER stated that she has no specific information that he is or is not a member of the CP. However, she recalls that ISADORE ENGLANDER told her on one occasion that EUSTACE KERR had been expelled or had left the CP. She knows that ISADORE ENGLANDER is acquainted with FRANK GRIFFIN.

During Miss ENGLANDER'S employment at the Federal Art Project, NYC, during 1937 to the last of 1939, she reported the following persons to be members of the CP:

ANN GRAY, secretary or stenographer at the Federal Art Project, Jewish descent, lived in Harlem with a Negro painter named JOHN GARAY. ANN GRAY, according to Miss

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ENGLANDER; was reported to be a CP member by HELEN SCOTT, an employee at the Federal Art Project who was in the subject's confidence. ANN GRAY is reported to have left GARAY and to have later married a lawyer from Boston, Mass.

JOHN GARAY. HELEN SCOTT advised Miss ENGLANDER that GARAY was a member of the CP. He is reported to be a Negro artist.

PAULA BASS, a stenographer at the Federal Art Project during 1938-1939, described as a pleasant girl who lived with an unknown white man who was a leader of the Madrigal Singers. The Madrigal Singers was reported to be a group working for the Federal Art Project. BASS is reported to have lived with this unknown white man, who had promised to marry her, with another couple who, Miss ENGLANDER advised, were common law husband and wife and also members of the CP. PAULA BASS is reported to have later gone to live with her sister in the Bronx and later married another man.

JUDY ROSEN, stenographer at the Federal Art Project, was a CP member, according to HELEN SCOTT. Miss ENGLANDER advised that JUDY ROSEN lived with a girl who was an artist and that this latter girl was also a member of the CP.

DIANA BRIGG, stenographer at the Federal Art Project, who worked for a Mr. KNIGHT at the project. Miss ENGLANDER advised that DIANA BRIGG was a CP member, according to HELEN SCOTT, and that DIANA BRIGG later married a Jewish Cantor and is reported to have left NY State.

Mrs. IDA CARLOTTE (Ph), stenographer at Federal Art Project, Italian descent, was married and had two boys. IDA CARLOTTE is reported by Miss ENGLANDER to have spoken freely about her CP membership. Also, HELEN SCOTT told Miss ENGLANDER that CARLOTTE was a member of the CP.

ROSE NADEL (Ph), stenographer at Federal Art Project, reported to have married an Italian Count. HELEN SCOTT advised Miss ENGLANDER that NADEL was a CP member and Miss ENGLANDER further advised that ROSE NADEL was also very obviously a CP

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member from her conversations. Miss ENGLANDER advised that in 1941 she again saw ROSE NADEL in the ladies' room of the Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., during the time that Miss ENGLANDER was employed by the US Army. She believes that ROSE NADEL may have been employed by the US Army during this period. Miss ENGLANDER also advised that ROSE NADEL was also employed temporarily by the UN in the year 1947.

Mrs. MARTHA HOROWITZ, employed by Federal Art Project, described as a divorcee and having two children. Miss ENGLANDER advised that to her knowledge MARTHA HOROWITZ was not a member of the CP but her fiance at that time was a CP member, according to MARTHA HOROWITZ. Miss ENGLANDER advised that MARTHA HOROWITZ later married this man whom she knew as MONEY WEINSTEIN. Miss ENGLANDER advised that WEINSTEIN'S family had a photo shop in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. Miss ENGLANDER also advised that WEINSTEIN took a trip to Palestine during the 1930's and she knew that his family was very interested in Zionism.

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, described as a Negro artist. According to Miss ENGLANDER, a self-admitted CP member who had told her that she had gone to a CP school. Miss BENNETT is reported to have been keeping company with a white man who was from Boston and a school teacher. Miss ENGLANDER stated that this unknown white man was married and had a daughter. She described him as the "Harvard type". Miss ENGLANDER advised that Miss BENNETT was going to write a book on mines (coal mines, etc.), and that she, Miss ENGLANDER, had done some typing for Miss BENNETT for this book.

Mrs. BESS MASLOW, a stenographer at the Federal Art Project, Negro, was a CP member, according to HELEN SCOTT.

FREDERICK DOUGLAS, secretary to the director of the Federal Art Project, who later changed jobs to become an artist, was reported by Miss ENGLANDER as being a CP member and was married to an Abraham Lincoln Brigader. FREDERICK DOUGLAS is reported to have come to NY from Philadelphia and while employed there brought in ISABELLE LIPSCOMB who, Miss ENGLANDER advised she had heard rumors while at the Federal Art Project, was a member of the CP.

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HELEN SCOTT. Miss ENGLANDER advised that she became quite well acquainted with HELEN SCOTT while SCOTT was employed as a stenographer at the Federal Art Project and that it was HELEN SCOTT who advised her of most of the persons' CP affiliations mentioned above. Miss ENGLANDER described HELEN SCOTT as then about 21, Jewish descent, and who came to the US from France. Her husband was described as FRANK SCOTT, who was much older than HELEN SCOTT. FRANK SCOTT was reported as a union organizer in NY and also a CP member. Miss ENGLANDER advised that she heard that HELEN SCOTT divorced FRANK SCOTT sometime in the 1940's.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that she met HELEN SCOTT at the UN in 1946, their headquarters at that time being Hunter College, NY. HELEN SCOTT was then employed as a translator in the Editorial Department of the UN. Mr. DELAVNAY was believed to be HELEN SCOTT'S superior at the UN. According to Miss ENGLANDER, HELEN SCOTT terminated her employment at the UN sometime during 1947. Miss ENGLANDER advised that during conversations with HELEN SCOTT during 1946, HELEN SCOTT stated that she had been employed during World War II by the State Department working abroad in the Belgian Congo. Miss ENGLANDER stated that she believed HELEN SCOTT may have been employed by OSS. HELEN SCOTT is also reported to have advised her that she worked as translator at the Nuremberg Trials in Germany in 1945.

While at the UN, Miss ENGLANDER advised, HELEN SCOTT was acquainted with a great many members of the French and Belgian Congo Delegations. Miss ENGLANDER advised that in 1947 HELEN SCOTT went to work at the "National Guardian" as a writer and that she recalled that she saw HELEN SCOTT last during 1947 in the corridor of the UN at Lake Success, NY. At this meeting HELEN SCOTT told Miss ENGLANDER that one of the French Delegates, the residential representative in Brazil for the UN Technical Assistance Program, was very friendly with HELEN SCOTT and even visited her while she was employed at the "National Guardian", NY. Miss ENGLANDER was unable to supply the name of this French Delegate.

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HELEN SCOTT also advised Miss ENGLANDER that she had spent sometime in 1944 and 1945 in France when she was the "ghost writer" of a book entitled: "Casandra", which was an autobiography of a woman active in the left wing group in France.

Miss ENGLANDER described HELEN SCOTT as age 21 in 1937, nationality US citizen, French Jewish descent, height 5'2", weight 160 lbs., short of stature, extremely stout, short curly hair, parents - mother is reported to be in the US, complexion fair, smooth skin.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that in 1937, while a member of the Harlem Section, she was assigned to a Harlem club, the name of which she does not know. She stated that two light-skinned Negroes were apparently the leaders of this club. The meetings, which were held weekly, were held in the apartments of these two men. She does not know the address of either of these apartments. The only thing she could recall about the Harlem Section was that the headquarters for the Harlem Section was located on Lenox Avenue, near 125th Street.

Concerning her activities in that Harlem Club, she stated that for a while she acted as a quasi Treasurer in that she collected dues from the various members and recalled turning it over to a white man whom she believed to be the Treasurer at section headquarters. She does not recall his name. She added that although she performed the duties of treasurer of her club she never had the actual title of treasurer nor was she invited on any occasion to attend the executive meetings of the Club or Section where the treasurer would be expected to attend.

In 1937, while still employed by the Federal Art Project, she found an apartment at 1568 Madison Avenue, near 103rd Street. This was a small two and one-half room apartment and she resided at that apartment alone except for the period that her brother and sister moved in with her. It was while residing at that apartment that she joined the Lower Harlem Section of the CP.

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Miss ENGLANDER stated that from 1938 to 1940, while she resided at the Madison Avenue address, she was a member of the CP in a Lower Harlem Section Club. She stated that this was mainly a Spanish speaking club and was composed of about fifteen persons, of which only two or three were white people. She advised that this club met in a store at 103rd Street, near Madison Avenue and that the meetings were usually presided over by an unknown white woman whom she stated had a Russian accent.

She stated that she could furnish the names of two persons who were members of this Lower Harlem Club, a Mrs. OTARO (Ph) and a Mr. PEREZ. Miss ENGLANDER stated that her only function at this club was to secure literature at the Harlem Section and bring it to the club at 103rd Street, where she would put it up for sale. She stated her job was in the nature of a literature director, although she never actually held any position in this club.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that she stopped attending meetings of the CP about March 1940. She was told by her sister, ELIZABETH, later that she had been formally expelled from the CP in the Lower Harlem Section for failure to attend meetings. It appeared to Miss ENGLANDER that ELIZABETH had been so informed by the treasurer of that club. Miss ENGLANDER stated that she never received any other notice of her expulsion from the CP.

During the time that she was a member of the CP she never subscribed to any publications of the CP. She even purchased the "Daily Worker" rather than subscribing to it. Since 1940 she has had absolutely no contact with the CP or with any of the members except as stated in this letter. She has never been approached by any members of the CP to reactivate herself.

She gave as her reason for leaving the CP that she lost interest in the group. She claimed that the CP never did anything for her in the way of developing her personality or her

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ability. She stated that she never made a point of enjoying herself in the CP and because of her "negative personality" she received little or no attention while she was in the CP.

During the time she was in the CP she stated that there might have been some talk or discussions concerning the revolutionary aspects of the CP but that she cannot recall any specific reference to this subject. She recalled that the speakers at these various club meetings would discuss Marxist literature and books but she added that, "I was not very attentive." She stated the members of the CP were continually referring to future conditions when the world, through the efforts of the CP, would be changed for the better. Such expressions as "pie in the sky" were frequently used, particularly in songs.

She stated that in reviewing her acquaintances in the CP, and those whom she observed but had nothing to do with, she believed that the majority of them were frustrated individuals who seemed to lean on such group activities for "something to hang to". She noted that during the past ten years or so the newspapers have referred to many former Communists indicating that many Communists had dropped out of the movement. She believed that those who remained in the CP and prospered in some ways were what she termed "parasites".

She stated that her reaction to her entire membership in the CP was that the Party was in some way tied up with Russia because of the fact that everything the Party did seemed to be directed toward STALIN. She gained the impression during her membership that STALIN was to be leader of the world. She gained these impressions from attending club meetings and, in addition, from attending large rallies such as those held at Madison Square Garden, where such speakers as EARL BROWDER and MOTHER BLOOR spoke and continually referred to the great leader, STALIN. She added that at these rallies she always sat in the gallery.

Miss ENGLENDER stated that while she was employed with the War Department from 1940 to 1945 she can recall no form,

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such as the Loyalty Form, which she was requested to sign. However, she stated that in the Civil Service Application Form under the question concerning any organization of which she was then or formerly was a member, which probably would refer to the CP, she answered, "No", indicating that she had never been a member of such organization.

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

Miss ENGLANDER advised that while at George Washington University she took a course in Far Eastern Matters under Dr. WILLIAM CRANE JOHNSTONE, JR., a professor at George Washington. She stated that in about August of 1946 she returned to NY and there ran into ISABELLE LIPSCOMB, who learned that she had studied Far Eastern Matters and thereafter Miss LIPSCOMB took Miss ENGLANDER to the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) office, 1 East 54th Street, where LIPSCOMB introduced her to Mrs. TILLIE SHAHN, who was office manager of the IPR. Miss ENGLANDER advised that SHAHN had also worked at the Federal Art Project, NYC, and that SHAHN was one of the officers in the Federal Art Project whom she had heard was a CP member.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that TILLIE SHAHN introduced her to EDWARD CARTER, who hired her then as a secretary for \$30 per week. Miss ENGLANDER advised that during her employment there in August and September of 1946, many of the people were out of the office on vacations and she did not become too well acquainted with any of the girls in the office.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that EDWARD CARTER, during her employment there, dictated to her a long memorandum concerning ALFRED KOHLBERG, the importer, who had accused the IPR of Communist leanings. This memorandum dictated by CARTER set forth the policy of the IPR, she recalled, and attempted to disprove KOHLBERG'S allegations.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that the girls in the IPR office were members of the United Office and Professional Workers of America and that they had asked her to join; however, she stated that she was not employed there for over

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thirty days and therefore did not join the union. She recalled that on one occasion they asked her to join a picket line but she refused to do so.

Miss ENGLANDER recalled that EDWARD CARTER did not seem to like the UOPWA as he had several squabbles with the union concerning the office employees.

While employed at the IPR she became acquainted with a LOUISE SCHLITZ, who was looking for a roommate to share an apartment. Miss ENGLANDER advised that she and LOUISE SCHLITZ secured an apartment on the third floor at 306 West 26th Street, NYC, and thereafter they lived together for approximately one year.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that LOUISE was leader of the UOPWA at the IPR office and she recalled that LOUISE SCHLITZ was dismissed from the IPR in the summer of 1947 and that thereafter SCHLITZ went to Provincetown, Mass., where she worked for a short time as a waitress. In the latter part of 1947 SCHLITZ is reported to have returned to NYC and to have gone to work at Columbia University Press as a writer. Miss ENGLANDER recalled that SCHLITZ was in charge of the sale of the UN documents to the public. She noted that these documents were published by Columbia University Press with the permission of the UN and she believed that it was called the International Document Service.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that LOUISE SCHLITZ was away from the apartment where they resided almost every night and she was a very heavy drinker. Miss ENGLANDER stated that LOUISE SCHLITZ had some visitors from the IPR to her apartment and a few from the Civil Rights Congress who had come to see her.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that it was only after a year's residence with LOUISE SCHLITZ that she learned that she was a member of the CP. Miss ENGLANDER stated that LOUISE SCHLITZ personally advised her of her membership in the CP.

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Miss ENGLANDER described LOUISE SCHATZ as follows: race white, born approximately 1919, home Cincinnati, Ohio, parents believed still there, graduate of Vassar College, member of Liberal Group there, height 5'8", weight 140 lbs., hair very blonde, complexion very fair, figure medium, peculiarities - attractive personality, heavy drinker, last known employment at Columbia University Press - International Documents Service.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES NOTED AT UNITED NATIONS

Miss ENGLANDER stated that in 1946 she had been employed by the IPR for approximately one month when she received a notification from the UN that there was a vacancy on the clerical staff for which she qualified. She commenced work at the UN on 9/10/46 and has been continuously employed at the UN to the date of the interview.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that at the UN there is an organization called the "Staff Association". Every employee is a member of that organization although no dues are collected. She stated that HELEN SCOTT was very active in the work of this association. At one time she recalled that HELEN SCOTT asked Miss ENGLANDER about a Negro who was employed in Miss ENGLANDER'S department. Miss SCOTT apparently had the idea of encouraging this Negro to run for one of the officers' positions in the "Staff Association", inasmuch as she told Miss ENGLANDER that it would be good policy to have a Negro among the staff officers. She advised that the "Staff Association" grew to be very prominent among the employees at the UN.

In connection with the "Staff Association", Miss ENGLANDER stated that JEANNE PICOU, a French citizen, came to work in Miss ENGLANDER'S department on a temporary basis. Miss ENGLANDER stated that Miss PICOU obtained work as secretary to the Chief of the African Section. Miss PICOU was described by Miss ENGLANDER as very modest and shy. She stated that she was transferred into the Editorial Department at the UN and thereafter saw her only occasionally. She ran into her one day and Miss PICOU told her that she was going to Paris with the General Assembly and was going to sublet her apartment. This apartment was located at 144-67 Charters Road, Parkway Village, Jamaica, NY.

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Miss PICOU was going to go to Europe and return with her mother to take over her apartment. In the meantime, Miss ENGLANDER was to reside in that apartment, pending the return of JEANNE PICOU. She therefore lived with Miss PICOU for a short while. She recalled that JEANNE PICOU had a fiance, whose name was unknown to Miss ENGLANDER, but whom she recalls to be a Frenchman.

After Miss PICOU went to France, Miss ENGLANDER took a vacation by taking a trip to the Caribbean. On the day that Miss ENGLANDER returned to NYC from her voyage to the Caribbean, she explained that she had barely settled in the apartment which she had sublet from Miss PICOU, when JEANNE PICOU returned to the apartment. She looked crestfallen and ill. She explained that her fiance had been killed as a result of a boulder falling from a house. This death of her fiance changed the whole life of Miss PICOU. It appeared to be a great tragedy in her life.

Miss PICOU stayed on in this apartment with Miss ENGLANDER for several months. Miss ENGLANDER noted that a change was coming over Miss PICOU and it was apparent that somebody had taken an interest in her at the UN. Inasmuch as she regarded Miss PICOU as one who could be easily influenced she realized that somebody was influencing her. It turned out to be a man by the name of FRANK BANCROFT, an ex-minister, the denomination of which Miss ENGLANDER did not know.

According to Miss ENGLANDER, BANCROFT was very active in the "Staff Association" at the UN. She recalls that BANCROFT visited the apartment on several occasions. She recalled that as a result of the influence of FRANK BANCROFT on Miss PICOU, Miss PICOU became more aggressive and was apt to assert her rights more frequently. She stated that Miss PICOU spent quite some time at some community camp located upstate in NY, the exact whereabouts not being known to Miss ENGLANDER. She stated that on occasions Miss PICOU would sing revolutionary songs in the apartment.

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Miss ENGLANDER believes that many of the friends that Miss PICOU had developed were friends of her deceased fiance. She does not know whether or not Miss PICOU or her friends were in the CP or whether Miss PICOU was a member of the CP in France. Miss ENGLANDER added, however, that Miss PICOU was probably a member of the Popular Front in France. She recalled that one evening Miss PICOU returned to the apartment from upstate and explained to Miss ENGLANDER that she had been reading the "Daily Worker" in a subway train when some woman approached her and said, "Why don't you go back to where you came from." Miss PICOU was very upset about this and told Miss PICOU, "You know I am not a Communist."

Miss ENGLANDER stated that Mr. BANCROFT persuaded Miss PICOU to run for office in the "Staff Association". He apparently had complete control of her, according to Miss ENGLANDER. Miss PICOU, according to Miss ENGLANDER, apparently neglected her work at the UN because of her activities in the "Staff Association" so that she was eventually discharged for the official reason of "Lack of Ability". Miss PICOU subsequently married a man by the name of KLINE (RICHARD M. KLINE), an attorney. Mr. KLINE had a daughter. Until September of 1953 the KLINEs resided at that apartment at 144-67 Charters Road.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that she recalls that Miss URSULA WASSERMAN was at one time in the same department as Miss ENGLANDER at the UN. She stated that while Miss WASSERMAN was at the UN she was very friendly with a Russian member in her department, one TAVEL GEVORKIAN (Ph), a Soviet citizen. She recalled that GEVORKIAN returned to Russia, date unknown. Miss ENGLANDER advised that Miss WASSERMAN originally came from Germany and was apparently a CP member. She could not account for her reason for calling Miss WASSERMAN a CP member. She recalls that Miss WASSERMAN went to Argentina to visit her family. She recalled that MARY JANE KEENEY was a very close friend of Miss WASSERMAN.

Miss ENGLANDER, in attempting to recall fellow employees at the UN who had been members of the CP, stated that she recalled the name of Mr. JACK HARRIS, who had been

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an anthropologist. She did not know Mr. HARRIS but she recalled that he had appeared before the McCarron Committee when he was employed in the Division of Trusteehip. She believed that he came from Chicago and that he had married a woman from South Africa. She believed that he was in the CP but that it was only her personal belief and that she had no knowledge of his CP activities. She recalled that he refused to answer certain questions when he appeared before the committee and based his refusal for answering these questions on the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. By so doing, Miss ENGLANDER stated, HARRIS actually threw his whole career away. She recalls reading in the newspapers that he had been allotted approximately \$40,000 by the head of the UN. She stated that apparently HARRIS is still around NY and is supposed to be in the furniture business and residing in Great Neck, LI.

In April 1948, Miss ENGLANDER moved into the apartment of NAOMI SCHWARTZ, whom she described as a Dutch girl but who came from Palestine and who had to flee from Holland. She stated that the brother of Miss NAOMI SCHWARTZ was employed in the UN. He went to Indonesia. She did not recall his name. Miss ENGLANDER stated that neither Miss SCHWARTZ or her brother were CP members. Miss SCHWARTZ told Miss ENGLANDER that on one occasion she went to the home of ROBERT JONAS, to attend a party. JONAS was an artist at the Federal Art Project. At sometime, according to Miss ENGLANDER, Miss SCHWARTZ was advised by JONAS that he, JONAS, was a member of the CP. Miss SCHWARTZ told Miss ENGLANDER of that fact. Miss ENGLANDER stated that JONAS resided somewhere in NYC and that he is presently employed as an artist who draws pictures for the covers of 35¢ booklets or pocketbook editions.

Miss ENGLANDER recalled that one Mrs. SARAH WHITEMAN, nee TAZBIN, an employee at the UN, had told Miss ENGLANDER that a male acquaintance of hers had been or was then a member of the CP. According to Miss WHITEMAN, this man had been able to secure a passport without any trouble. According to Miss ENGLANDER, Mrs. WHITEMAN gave no indication that she was in the CP or had ever been in the CP. She has no further information concerning this male friend.

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During 1950, while Miss ENGLANDER was employed at the UN, a conference was scheduled by the Caribbean Commission, which was a commission cooperating with the UN, but was not a part of the UN. Miss ENGLANDER stated that a Mr. JAMES A. BOUGH, who was one of the executives in her department, and who is a former District Attorney for the Virgin Islands, was to attend this conference as Chief of the Caribbean Section of the UN. This conference was to be held in Curacao. Miss ENGLANDER, who had developed a great interest in the Caribbean section of the world, had expressed a desire to attend this conference. However, the UN could not pay her transportation and she therefore obtained permission to attend this conference as an observer by paying her own way.

Miss ENGLANDER stated that while she was at this conference she met Mrs. JANET ROSENBERG JAGAN. JANET ROSENBERG had married an Indian named JAGAN who was one of the leaders in British Guiana. As a result of Miss ROSENBERG, a white woman, marrying a native, she became quite an idol of the Indians in British Guiana. She was a well educated girl, having graduated from Columbia University, and had gone to British Guiana about 1947. Mrs. JAGAN (JANET ROSENBERG) apparently was instrumental in building up the CP in British Guiana. During the last elections there Mrs. JAGAN was elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly of British Guiana. Mrs. JAGAN had attended this conference because her husband was a member of the delegation to the conference. He was supposed to be "leftist". The purpose of the conference was to discuss the agricultural problems of the area.

After the conference one Mr. COOPER, who was in the Agricultural Department of British Guiana, whom Miss ENGLANDER believed was not a member of the CP, suggested to Miss ENGLANDER that she attend a party to be held at the residence of the JAGANS. Miss ENGLANDER attended this party and met Mrs. JANET ROSENBERG JAGAN. At that time, during a conversation with Mrs. JAGAN, the latter told her that there was a rumor that Mrs. JAGAN was getting \$400 a month from Moscow. Miss ENGLANDER has no further information concerning the above rumors.

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INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE

Miss ENGLANDER stated that she had been subpoenaed to appear before the "McCarthy Committee" and had appeared on 9/14/53 at Foley Square, NYC. She stated that when she was sworn in and questioned by Senator McCarthy at a closed hearing she apparently surprised Senator McCarthy when she indicated a willingness to discuss all of her past activities. Senator McCarthy informed her that he had expected that she would be a "Fifth Amendment Witness" and that, inasmuch as she was willing to discuss her activities, he wanted her to come back later on in the afternoon of that date.

Therefore, Miss ENGLANDER appeared at the US Court House, Foley Square, on the afternoon of September 14 and was interviewed by Mr. HAWKINS. She stated that Mr. HAWKINS was apparently only interested in the UN personnel whom she knew to be members of the CP and also the fact that she had registered in 1947 as a member of the American Labor Party. She answered Mr. HAWKINS' questions and Mr. HAWKINS advised her that the FBI would see her later regarding further information concerning the CP members. Mr. HAWKINS told her that if the newspapers questioned her she should decline to answer any questions. Miss ENGLANDER stated that she did not furnish all of the information to Mr. HAWKINS that she had furnished to the FBI agents at this interview, inasmuch as he was apparently in a hurry. She stated, further, that all of the information which Mr. HAWKINS received from her she had furnished to the agents and this information is reflected in this communication.

Miss ENGLANDER advised that she believed that the Senate Committee or the FBI would not furnish her name to the press and that if her name was published it would probably come from the UN officials. She stated that she was very much relieved to have furnished all of the information in her possession to the FBI and that she is willing to be a witness for the Senate Committee. However, she stated that she had been assured by the Senate Committee that she would not be called upon to testify in an open hearing.

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Miss ENGLANDER stated that she has been advised by the Senate Committee that she is under a permanent subpoena and is apt to be called again at any future time.

PRESENT STATUS

Miss ENGLANDER stated that as a result of the publicity that she may be subjected to she feels that her job at the UN will be placed in jeopardy. In the event it is necessary for her to resign she stated that she would like to secure a position somewhere in the Caribbean area or on the Virgin Islands. She stated that regardless of where she is employed she would be willing to talk to the FBI at any time.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

In view of the confidential type of information furnished in this communication, the identity of Miss ENGLANDER should be protected if this information is used in any reports that might be disseminated outside of the Bureau.

It is recommended that Miss ENGLANDER be carried as a Confidential Source in the NYO, inasmuch as she is in a position to furnish information concerning CP activities in Harlem and Lower Harlem during the years 1935 to 1940. It is noted that she has exhausted her present recollection of the identities of those individuals involved in the CP in those areas but that she believes she could recall more as time goes on. She believed that she could identify photographs more readily than she could recall names. She is also in a position to furnish some information regarding UN personnel in NYC.

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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
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ReNYletters to Bureau, 6/4/53 and 9/23/53.

Subject was contacted under safe and secure conditions on the corner of Second Avenue and First Street, NYC, at approximately 9:10 am 10/27/53, by SA'S EDWARD C. SNYDER and MATHIAS F. ERIEG. After the interviewing agents identified themselves and advised the subject of her rights, she admitted her identity and during the ensuing conversation advised that she and her husband reside at 2 West 120th St, NYC, and that she is employed by Consumers Union of the U.S., Inc., 38 East First Street, NYC.

She was not cooperative in that she repeatedly stated that she had no information about herself or husband that the FBI does not already have. When discreetly advised that she was not in a position to know the extent of the information in the Bureau's *file* and that it was desired that information be obtained directly from her concerning herself or any acquaintances in an effort to further substantiate or refute any information in the Bureau's possession. She merely repeated her original statement that she was sure that she had no information that is not already in the Bureau's possession.

When questioned as to Party membership, subject refused to affirm or deny any CP membership. She was evasive to all questions and replied to questions referring to CP membership that such questions were supposition.

It is to be noted that FOIA(b)(7) - (D) March, 1946 described the subject as a member of the Harlem Section of the CP.

When questioned concerning her loyalty to the U.S. Government, the subject replied that she is loyal to the U.S. and has never been anything but loyal to the U.S. When questioned concerning her loyalty to the U.S. in the event the U.S. became involved in a war with Russia, she evaded a direct answer to this question and stated that she is loyal to the U.S. and has never been anything but loyal to it.

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Subject was asked for information concerning her husband's Party activities, to which she replied such questions were supposition and that she was not in a position to offer suppositions concerning anyone.

At this point the subject terminated the interview by stating that she would have no information that the Bureau does not already have and further that anything she could offer about others would be supposition and that she would not give suppositions concerning anyone. The subject thereafter departed and proceeded directly to her employment at 38 East First Street, NYC.

It is recommended that the subject not be recontacted due to her failure to cooperate in that she gave evasive answers and terminated the interview by walking away from the interviewing agents.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/5/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/6,8,12,14,27/53	REPORT MADE BY MATHIAS F. ERIEG
TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C


SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject interviewed 10/27/53, at which time she advised that she resides at 2 West 120th St, NYC, and is employed by Consumers Union of the U.S., Inc., at 38 East 1st Street, NYC. Subject refused to confirm or deny any CP membership. She claims to be loyal to the U.S. Govt. Subject was evasive to questions asked and terminated the interview by leaving interviewing agents.

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DETAILS: On October 27, 1953, subject was interviewed at the corner of Second Avenue and First Street, New York City, by SA EDWARD C. SNYDER and the reporting agent. Subject advised that she resides with her husband at 2 West 120th Street, New York City, and stated that she is employed by the Consumers Union of the United States, Inc., 38 East First Street, New York City.

The subject refused to confirm or deny Communist Party membership. She advised that any information she could give along these same lines concerning other individuals would be supposition and that she would not offer suppositions concerning anyone. Subject stated that she is loyal to the United States Government and has never been anything but loyal to the U. S. She refused to give direct answers to questions concerning loyalty to the United States in the event United States were involved in a war with Russia. The subject terminated the interview by departing from the interviewing agents.

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REFERENCE: NY report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON, 11/2/49.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT was

MAY 21 1953

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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 2 W. 120th St., NYC

Employment: Consumers Union of U.S. Inc.
Mailing and Subscription Dept.
Address: 4th Floor, 38 E. 1st St., NYC
Known there as Mrs. Crosscup

Remarks: Man #24 photo

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: 2 W 120th St NYC Apt. 5L

Employment: Consumers Union of U.S. Inc.
Mailing and Subscription Dept.

Address: 4th Floor, 38 E 1st St, NYC

Verified by: SA Edw J Moore Jr.

Method of Verification: interview with super. A. Smith
Interview with subject (PSB Program) verified both employment and address

Date: 10/27/53

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-56529)

DATE: November 25, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (100-293468)

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
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Re report of SA Mathias F. Erieg dated November 5, 1953, setting forth the results of an interview with the subject.

Prior to closing this case you are requested to submit a report incorporating all information developed regarding subject's activities subsequent to the report of SA Melvin A. Thompson dated November 2, 1949.

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Chief Clerk

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BILLY F. ACUFF (100-20649)

EDWARD E. STRONG
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Attached hereto is a copy of a typewritten report of [redacted]
dated November 11, 1953. The original report was furnished to SA BILLY F.
ACUFF on November 12, 1953.

It is noted that this report is a continuation of a series of
reports being prepared by [redacted] covering her activities in the CP and
related groups during period 1936 to 1946. This report is primarily con-
cerned with EDWARD E. STRONG.

Information contained in this report should not be disseminated
outside the Bureau unless it is sufficiently paraphrased to protect the iden-
tity of the informant.

The original report is filed as [redacted]

- 1- [redacted]
1- 100-56529 (GWENDOLYN BENNETT)
1- 100-51119 (THELMA DALE)
1- 100-51181 (GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL)
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EDWARD E. STRONG: I didn't meet Edward Strong personally until after he became the executive secretary of the National Negro Congress. He followed John P. Davis into the job.

I had heard of Edward before that time, however. He had been a youth leader in college and had then become associated with the Southern Negro Youth Congress. In fact there were three young Negro men about whom I heard. The three were described to me by Bob Campbell and Morris Salz as outstanding Negro youth leaders who would go far in the party apparatus. The three were Louis Burnham, New York City resident; Dr. Jackson, originally from Richmond, Va., who finished as a pharmacist, became leader of the Southern Negro Youth Congress in the 40's and is now a fugitive from the FBI; and Edward Strong who was in training for the ministry, was a leader in the American Youth Congress, worked with Dr. Jackson in the Southern Negro Youth Congress and was finally assigned the job with the National Negro Congress.

I think that he took over about late 1941. After I became associated with the Negro Labor Victory Committee I saw Ed at communist meetings downtown. When a cell for communists working in mass organizations in Harlem was formed, he became one of the members of that cell.

Ed was an avid reader, brilliant speaker and a thorough devotee to the Communist Party and its principles. He would go home from the office (NNC, 307 Lenox Avenue) and report the next day that he had spent most of the night reading Marxism-Leninism and formulating the tasks of the staff of the Congress. Whenever he called a staff meeting he always predicated the immediate business at hand with a 15 or 20 minute dissertation according to Marxist theory. His conclusion would tie up the tasks of the National Negro Congress staff with "the historic tasks facing the American revolutionary today". He considered himself a real revolutionary and therefore privileged to lay down the line to us lesser mortals at all times. In other words he was THE party spokesman and responsible "comrade" in the NNC. He had a great respect similar to hero worship for all communist leaders in general and the American leaders in particular, i.e. Benjamin J. Davis, Earl Browder, Jack Stachel and Eugene Dennis.

Ed Strong was a member of the Negro Commission of the Communist Party of the United States; wrote articles for Political Affairs and/or The Communist - CPUSA publications.

Thelma Dale took over Ed's responsibilities when he went into the Army. She held the job until the Party completed arrangements with the California CP for the transfer of Revels Cayton. He served as executive secretary until Ed Strong returned from the Army.

There was some bitterness about Ed returning to his former position but the air was cleared when the Party decided that Revels should act as the labor secretary. The reason behind this decision was his experience in and with labor during his stint with the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, CIO - Harry Bridges' union.

While I was still in D.C., I wrote to Ed and told him that I intended to return to New York and my job with the Board of Education. He called me from New York upon receipt of my letter and remonstrated with me for having made a decision without consultation with him or party leaders in D.C. I told him that I didn't think that my decision was any concern of his or the party's. When I returned to New York about the middle of December I reported to the NHC office to clear up my business with them and to write out my resignation for the executive board of the National Negro Congress.

As I think back on my feelings at that time I am inclined to conclude that I was a little afraid of making an open break with the party. I didn't know what the results would be. Consequently when I again told Edward that I was leaving I didn't state that I had also severed my connections with the Communist Party. Since he did not know that he insisted that I could still work with the National Negro Congress although I would be teaching. He insisted that I start a council of the National Negro Congress in Brooklyn. I brought all arguments to bear, to wit: that I had lost contact with the Brooklyn people; that I was like an outsider to Brooklyn since I had been absent from there for four years; that there were other people in Brooklyn who would be better able to do such a job; that after such a long absence from the teaching profession I would need all of my time for brushing up on methods, content and the like. Edward Strong was a very determined and domineering character who would not accept my reasons. Rather than expose my real feelings as far as the Congress and the party were concerned I consented to try to get a council going. I did arrange for some meetings of the people Edward felt might be interested in becoming a part of a Brooklyn council. We met at the AME Zion Church in their club rooms. The meetings were poorly attended and lacking in enthusiasm - I had no enthusiasm for the meetings and was not interested in bringing

any more suckers into a decadent organization whose stated goals were false and a disguise for building a communist core among the Negroes.

I understand that the NNC was finally absorbed by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties that changed its name to the Civil Rights Congress. I further understand that Edward Strong became an open party member and was sent to Philadelphia as a party functionary. I also understand that Tholma Dale went to Philadelphia to work in one of the front organizations.

Finally, I knew Edward Strong as a member of the Communist Party with whom I met down at the national party headquarters; in our underground cell of professionals in Harlem. When he first contacted me to take the job as legislative secretary for the Congress he stated that my name had been suggested to him by the party comrades, Ben Davis, James Ford and Ferdinand Smith.

During the time that I knew him I worked with him as a fellow communist. In his work with the NNC he had occasion to meet with John Abt on the matter of the whys and wherefores of fund raising; with the Negro Commission of the CP on matters of policy for the NNC and the Southern Negro Youth Congress; with the heads of the party on matters of spearheading different campaigns in Harlem that were not communist inspired but communist supported.

In odd moments I have jotted down different names that have come to my mind and I would like at this time to name them in order to get them on the record. Gwendolyn Bennet, Len Carver and Murray Singer (husband and wife), the Rucker brothers of Cleveland and Milton Kennitz are some of the people I shall discuss from time to time. I would also like to add the names of LeBron Simmons, Vera Vanderburg, Shelton Tappes, Atty. Sugar all of whom I knew in Detroit, Michigan. A recent meeting with the investigator and counsel for the House un-American Activities Committee brought back to me the name of Goldie Watson of Philadelphia, Pa. I knew all of the above mentioned persons as members of the CP except Murray Singer. D. Funn.

Period covered: 1939-1946.

My association with Gwendolyn Bennett dates back to my high school days when we were inseparable friends attending Girls High School in Brooklyn.

I met Gwendolyn Bennett when her family first moved to Brooklyn from Pennsylvania. We shared our girlish secrets, aspirations, joys and sorrows until she left Brooklyn to accept a teaching position in the Art Department at Howard University in Washington, D.C. While she was there she received a scholarship to study art in Paris, France for a year. In the meantime I had married and started raising a family. Upon her return to America and Howard University we renewed our old friendship and when she married and went to Florida to live we kept up a correspondence. When she and her husband, Dr. Alfred Jackson, decided to come to New York and settle in Rockville Center, L.I., the four of us became very good friends again.

Then there was a period when we saw very little of each other because I was living in Harlem and isolating myself from my old friends. However she separated from her husband about 1936 and came and shared my apartment for about a year during which time her husband died.

She then established her own home in Harlem and became head of the Harlem Art Center that was situated on the corner of West 125th Street and Lenox Avenue over the Liggett's Drugstore. I saw her once in a while during this period but only on social occasions. I know now that she had already joined the Communist Party which probably explained her appointment to the Harlem Art Center. I understand that the Communists working in different capacities in the WPA in those days 1936-1937 wielded great influence on policy and personnel selection. At that time she did not reveal her identity with the party.

When the center folded she worked for some organization downtown and I didn't see her for a few years.

I saw her after I had joined the party about 1940 and she welcomed me into the party. I remember her statement to the effect that our lives had paralleled in many ways and that my membership in the party was the finest thing I had ever done.

She became head of the Carver School in Harlem at the time when the party was establishing similar schools all over America - Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago; California Labor School and others of like ilk.

It was her duty to direct the school, build up a large student body that would also aid in raising the funds for its existence and to interest as many leading people in Harlem as possible to become members of the Sponsoring Committee.

Most of the people asked to serve on this Advisory Sponsoring Committee were non-communists whose name would lend legality and prestige to the school and help to keep it from being known as a communist front. Of course the members of the Advisory Committee did not know the basic reason for the establishment of the Committee. They were all very interested as I remember and made an honest effort to make the school a going concern in the community.

The above was the usual communist tactic to help to hide their guidance in this venture. However many of the Steering Committee members resigned when they found that some of the courses being offered were for communist indoctrination.

The word went out to the communists working in some of the welfare agencies in Harlem that they were to do everything in their power to interest the non-communist workers in taking courses at the Carver School. After work the communists in Welfare would corral a group and take them up to the course. Since the course was based on the problems facing the welfare worker, recruitment for union campaigns were also brought up during the class. The communists in the group were persuasive speakers and made a point of allying themselves with the non-communists, so that their suggestions carried great weight in these meetings. The union - State, County & Municipal Workers, CIO - was giving its full cooperation to the project because their top leaders had been so advised by the party.

SAC, NY

12/7/53

BILLY F. ACUFF, SA (100-3633)

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Attached hereto is a copy of a typewritten report furnished by [redacted] on 11/25/53. This report is dated 11/23/53 and was furnished to SA BILLY F. ACUFF.

It is noted that this report is one of a series of articles being prepared by the informant which cover her CP activities and membership in the period 1936 to 1946. This report is primarily concerned with the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS.

[redacted] should be classified as being of "unknown reliability but who has furnished reliable information in the past".

If information furnished by this informant is to be disseminated outside the Bureau careful paraphrasing should be employed to avoid exposing the identity of the informant.

The original report in this matter is filed as [redacted]

- 1- [redacted]
①-100-56529 (GWENDOLYN BENNETT)
1-100-57538 (RICHARD GROSSCUP)
1-100- (PAULINE SINGER, wa: Len Carver)
1-100- (LEBRON SIMMONS)
1-100-27539 (CARL WINTER)
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1-100-51573 (SHELTON TAPPES)
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"Gwendolyn Bennett had also received a special course in Communist indoctrination at a Party school. In fact the National School was in session at Eriehl's farm at the same time that the State School was in session at Bergmann's farm near Kingston in the summer of 1939. Gwendolyn attended the National School. I know that she did for two reasons - 1. She told me that she was going and, 2. I saw her there during the school session. Two representatives from our school were to be chosen to spend one evening with the students at the National School. I was one of the delegates, Clara Nieber Brady was the other. We were taken over there by car early one morning in time for the morning session and remained the whole day. I recall two other people attending the National School with Gwendolyn - one was the man she later married, Richard Grosscup; the other was the present wife of Max Kergen who was then a practicing physician somewhere in Connecticut.

"Richard Grosscup was a teacher in one of the Latin schools in Boston at that time. After he and Gwendolyn fell in love he decided to give up his teaching job in Boston and come to New York to live. Before they married he made contacts in New York looking toward a teaching job here. He was successful in his quest for soon after they were married he started teaching at the School. I should say that they were married about 1943. Incidentally Gwendolyn has always been a Lucy Stoner and so has never used the name of either husband.

"Gwendolyn Bennett remained the head of the Carver School until sometime in 1946. At that time she became desperately despondent and mixed up in great financial difficulties about which her husband did not know. I think that the financial situation straightened out but her nerves and general physical state were such that the party relieved her of her job as director of the school. I was still friendly with her and tried to contact her several times but to no avail. I heard that she had gone away. She was staying up on a friend's farm in New York State. In the meantime Richard, her husband, had been working with the International Workers Order at their summer camp in Jersey during the summer. Finally he left his job with the private school and became, I think, the educational director for the IWO.

"I haven't seen either of them since 1946. I have heard of their activities since that time, however. My most recent information came as a result of my testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee last May. It would seem that Gwen is now working for Consumers Union. Her boss is an old friend of mine whom I saw this summer while I was vacationing in Oak Bluffs, Mass. Gwen's present boss had never been associated with the Party but she had known Gwen back in the days of the WPA. When I saw this friend of mine this summer her first words were: 'Dot, let's get together one afternoon because I have something very funny to tell you'. I made it a point to get up to her cottage a couple of afternoons later. The story in a nutshell was that Gwen had approached her after the May 6th publicity on the hearings and asked if she ever saw me. My friend wanted to know why. Gwen finally came out with her problem: 'Please find out if Dot told them (the HUAC) anything about me.' We laughed about the whole problem and I told her to assure Gwen that it would not be necessary for me to tell the committee anything about her. My function would be only to verify what was already known: that the Carver School was a Communist front organization and that she was the Communist Party member acting as its spokesman in the office of director. My friend did tell me that Richard, Gwen's husband, had returned to his teaching job at the private school. Further, they had bought a farm somewhere in Pennsylvania and were running a summer camp for youngsters. Finally, they used to live at 2 West 120th Street, NYC, where they may still live. In case I have not mentioned it before Geraldyn was also a member of the professional cell of which I was a member in Harlem - 1942, 1943.

"LEN CARVER's real name is Pauline Singer. She is married to Murray Singer whom I never knew as a Party member. He worked for the United States Post Office.

"I met Len Carver when she was working for the Communist Party as the organizational secretary in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of which Robert Campbell was the organizer. Dates: May 1939 to early 1942.

"It was her job to check on all 'street' clubs of the party in the area; attend their weekly meetings; bring to the members any party directives she may have received at the County organizational secretary's meetings; pop up the members on the many fund drives, Sunday Worker distributions and sales, guide new members and solve

problems that arose in the party meetings of the street clubs. She was a member of the section executive committee. She also attended my cell meeting from time to time if no other section representative could get there.

"About 1942 she was relieved of her job as section org. secretary when Murray made it clear that his wife was out too many nights a week and that if she didn't stop he would be forced to leave her. I understood that she did some party work in the section of Brooklyn where she lived but took no responsibility that would mean absence from home when her husband was there. Later she had a baby and may have ceased all activity. I don't know because I lost track of her. They used to live at 1721 - 59th Street, Brooklyn.

"RUCKER BROTHERS were residents of Cleveland. I met them in the summer of 1941 when we stopped over in Cleveland on our way to the American Peace Mobilization in Chicago. The elder brother was a good friend of Robert Campbell and was also an active party member at that time. Later, about 1942 his younger brother came to New York to work. He was called Bunny which was perhaps a nickname for Bernard. He went into the Army from here. But before that draft he was working in a defense plant. That job was gotten for him through the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union, CIO and one of its organizers who was a party member.

"I don't remember the elder brother's NAME but he was well known in Cleveland for his Communist activity. I think that he also worked in a plant that switched to war work and had a contract with the UAW, CIO.

"LEBRON SIMONS is a resident of Detroit who was, when I knew him, a practicing attorney. He may still be practicing law there. From about 1944 to 1947 he was an assistant district attorney in the city of Detroit.

"I first met Lebron when he came to New York about 1941 or 1942 to attend a party school at which Goldie Watson of Philadelphia was also a student. Lebron came to New York from time to time thereafter to represent the Detroit Council of the National Negro Congress on its national executive board. He was the president of the Detroit Council. When I went out to Detroit in February, 1945 to carry through the membership drive, I became better acquainted with Lebron and Vera Vandenburg who was the executive secretary of the Detroit Council.

"The pattern in the Detroit Council was similar to that followed in other places as far as a communist front organization was concerned. Upon my arrival a meeting was arranged for us (Vera, LeBron and me) with Carl Winter to discuss the importance of the membership drive, methods of approach, the assistance the party could pledge in assuring the success of the drive and those organizations from which we could expect support. LeBron had wide contacts in Detroit due to the fact that he was the son of a leading churchman in the city, his own continued contact with his church (regular attendance every Sunday), his ability to make friends, his contact in the leading organizations of the city - union, NAACP, lawyers, Urban League, Democratic Party (always affiliated with that party and worked in its campaigns) - his personal contacts from his early childhood in the same city. Personal and party contacts were thoroughly explored in the above mentioned meeting.

"The conference with Carl Winter, organizer for the Communist Party, opened up many doors for our membership drive. Knowing how the communists worked in other cities I knew that all communist party members working in other organizations, not communist controlled (unions, social clubs, women's organizations, men's fraternal groups), were also alerted. Arrangements were made whereby I addressed 20 or 30 organizations (types named above) and brought to the membership the importance of the National Negro Congress in Detroit.

"Many times during the campaign we had party caucus meetings of the party and front organization leaders to discuss next steps in the campaign. The leaders in the front and union organizations would report on their progress within their organization and make suggestions for the conclusion of a successful drive. Included in the inner caucus meetings were representatives of the Michigan Federation for Constitutional Liberties, People's Institute of Applied Religion, Local 600, United Auto Workers, other foundry locals of the United Auto Workers, CIO, Carl Winter and his assistants. Those meetings were generally held in the morning in the office of the National Negro Congress that was in a building, The Four Horsemen, run by a group of Negro men who rented out the rest of the building for meetings and dances. They were not members of the party to my knowledge.

"I was in Detroit again in the Spring of 1946 preparing for the national convention to be held there the end of May. The communist party apparatus was again put at our disposal. Communists in Detroit took our literature on the convention into their organizations and got delegates elected. Those delegates who came from organizations outside the National Negro Congress were known as fraternal delegates and had voice but no vote in the convention. For that convention the national party had also been alerted and voted full support so a directive went out from the national office of the party to get delegates elected to the convention from every major city this side of the Mississippi River. It was done. There were over 500 delegates many of whom were not communist party members. In fact I would say that the overwhelming majority of the delegates were non-communists. This was a tactic used by the party to draw non-communists into a front organization. LeBron Simmons and Vera Vanderburg worked untiringly on this convention since they were the officers of the organization acting as host to the convention. At that convention LeBron was elected a national vice-president.

"Every one of the Negro leaders of the party descended upon Detroit for that convention including Benjamin J. Davis, Dorey Wilkerson, William Patterson of Chicago, Thomas Richardson of Washington, D.C., Alphaeus Huntton, Claudia Jones, Nevels Cayton, executive secretary, NNC, Thelma Dale, administrative secretary, NNC, Max Yergan.

"At the end of each day's session of the convention we party members working in the National Negro Congress would meet with the party members listed above and Carl Winter to discuss the next day's proceedings - resolutions, issues, order of business and finally who should be nominated and elected to the national executive board and officers for the coming period. All of the meetings were held in Claudia Jones' room in the Gotham Hotel at which we had been able to reserve rooms for those delegates not staying with friends or relatives in the city. Only the inner party members were part of these nightly meetings. Naturally Vera and LeBron attended these meetings.

"In my last report I named Shelton Tappes, then president of Local 600, UAW, CIO as one of the Detroiters whom I had known. At the time that I met Shelton I knew him only as the officer of his local who had been elected with the aid of the party members in Local 600. I did not know him as a party member.

I am sure that I would have known, however, if he had been because either Lebron or Vera would have told me. He did work closely with us. I did hear that they were trying to get him to join the party. Whether he ever did I do not know. He was a wonderful contact for the communists, however. It was he whom we contacted in the NMC membership drive for permission for me to address the local's membership meeting. Since that was the largest auto local in Detroit my appearance before the membership assured a bonafide drive for members for the NMC among the local's membership. In fact the vote to support the membership drive of the NMC meant that each of the shop stewards was permitted to distribute membership blanks in the shops, collect the dues and turn them over to the Congress. Similar contacts among union leaders made it possible to go before the membership and request a sizeable contribution to the work of the Congress. Oftentimes we did not have to go to the membership because we had received an invitation to appear at the executive board meeting. If the executive board voted a sum to the NMC we could feel sure that the board's recommendation would pass in the membership meeting. The last described was a practice for any city where there was a large union membership among whom there were many communists. I met Shelton Topper in 1945 during my first stay in Detroit.

"I feel that I may be slightly confused on dates. That first drive may have been in February, 1944. If so, then all references to 1945 should be 1944.

"In one of my reports I listed the names of those who attended the party school with me. I just remembered the name of another student who was not a school teacher. Her name was Charlotte Chandler who at that time, 1939, lived at 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

"Charlotte had an independent income and it was known that she had been recruited because of her affluence. She was also very interested in a party functionary who went out to Pittsburgh to work for the party about November, 1939. I recall that she made several flying trips to Pittsburgh and then finally moved out there bag and baggage with the intention of marrying the man. I don't remember his name. I don't know what became of Charlotte.

"I think that I also mentioned a man at the school who was Moreau's assistant but couldn't remember his name. His name came back to me the other day when I was reading an article in which one of the persons had the same last name. His name was Harry Mann. He is also the one to whom I referred in a report as having been a party functionary in Baltimore during the time that I was stationed in Washington, D.C. He had red hair, ruddy complexion and great emotional instability. Unless my memory fails me I think

that he was an Abraham Lincoln Brigade vet.

"I made mention of the American Youth Congress in one of the reports. A man by the name of Dr. Walter Haff was one of the leaders. He and the Rabbi (name forgotten) worked in the NY office. That was about 1940-1941.

"Later, about 1943-1944 both Haff and the Rabbi (President of Jewish Peoples' Committee) became active open communists working for the National Committee of the CP.

"I saw both of them on the 9th floor - 12 St., when I attended meetings in that building."

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resides at 2 West 120th Street, NYC, and is employed by Consumers Union of the US, Inc., 38 East First Street, NYC. Source of unknown reliability reported on 11/11/53 that the subject was a member of the CP prior to 1940. Records of the Board of Elections, NYC, reflect that the name RUTH GALE, 344 Lenox Avenue, NYC, appeared on a 1939 CPNP. Catalogue of JSSS reflects subject was an instructor at that school 1947, 1949 and 1950.

DETAILS: Unless otherwise indicated all informants in this report are of known reliability.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

On November 2, 1949 T-1 advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was teaching two classes every Wednesday night at the Jefferson School of Social Science. He stated that to his knowledge this was her only employment.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On March 16, 1950 T-2 furnished information that indicated G. CROSSCUP, 2 West 120th Street, New York City, was employed by the Consumers Union of the United States, Incorporated, 38 East First Street, New York City, for the year 1949.

On October 27, 1953 the subject was interviewed by SAs EDWARD C. SNYDER and MATHIAS F. ERIEG, at which time she advised that she was employed by the Consumers Union of the United States, Incorporated, at 38 East First Street, New York City.

B. Residence

On May 7, 1951 T-3, of unknown reliability but in a position to be familiar with the subject, advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT resided at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

On October 27, 1953 the subject was interviewed by SAs SNYDER and ERIEG, at which time she advised that she resided with her husband at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. Evidence of Communist Party Membership

On November 11, 1953 T-4, of unknown reliability but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was already a member of the Communist Party when the informant joined the Party about 1940. BENNETT, according to the informant, stated that the informant's joining the Party was the finest thing the informant had ever done.

On September 15, 1953 T-5, of unknown reliability but a person in a position to have knowledge of the subject's activities between the years 1937 and 1939, advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, a Negro artist, was a self-admitted Communist Party member who advised the informant that she had gone to a Communist Party school.

B. Evidence of Communist Party Sympathy

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflect that the name RUTH GALE, 344 Lenox Avenue, New York City, appeared on a 1949 Communist Party Independent Nominating Petition for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS who was a candidate for City Councilman in Manhattan.

III. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUPS

A. Subject's Activity in Connection with the Jefferson School of Social Science

The catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science for the September - December 1947 term reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, BS in Fine Arts, Columbia; Fellowship Academic Julian, Paris; Director, George Washington Carver School, appeared on a list of instructors and guest lecturers.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 23, 1949, page 8, column 1, under the heading, "What's On," reflected that Picasso/Goya would be discussed by GWENDOLYN BENNETT at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, at 6:45 p.m.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

On November 17, 1949 T-2 furnished a booklet issued by the BEN DAVIS Ball Committee entitled "A Tribute to Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS." The name GWENDOLYN BENNETT appeared on a list of faculty under the caption, "Greetings from the Jefferson School."

The catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science for the winter 1950 term reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was instructing a course entitled "How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation" on Wednesdays from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 8, 1950, page 5, column 1, under the heading, "What's On," reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT would discuss "How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation" at the Jefferson School.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of October 4, 1950, page 8, column 4, under the heading "Tonight Manhattan," reflects that the culture of Negro people would be discussed by GWENDOLYN BENNETT at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, at 8:30 p.m.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 22, 1950, page 8, column 3, reflects an advertisement for the Jefferson School of Social Science that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was teaching a course entitled "The Culture of the Negro People" on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.

On February 15, 1951 T-6 furnished information that indicated the subject participated in a program sponsored by the Jefferson School of Social Science celebrating Negro History Week held on Sunday, February 11, 1951.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 6, 1951, page 8, column 5, under the caption "Reception Sunday for CHARLES WHITE," reflects that one GWENDOLYN BENNETT was one of eight persons participating in a tribute to CHARLES WHITE, Negro artist, to be paid at a reception sponsored by the Jefferson School and "Masses and Mainstream."

The "Daily Worker" of September 29, 1950, page 11, column 5, reflects that the Jefferson School of Social Science announced that CHARLES WHITE, noted Negro people's artist, joined its art workshop faculty as a regular instructor beginning with the fall term to teach "painting and drawing" and life drawing on Monday and Friday evenings.

"Masses and Mainstream" has been cited as the successor to "New Masses," "a Communist magazine," by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949), page 75.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 8, 1952, page 8, column 1, reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was scheduled to give a reading and an analysis of "working class poets of the Negro people" dedicated to the celebration of Negro History Week at the Jefferson School of Social Science on February 10 at 10:00 p.m.

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**B. Subject's Activity in Connection
with the American Labor Party**

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)"

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on December 11, 1953 reflect that the name GWENDOLYN BENNETT, 2 West 120th Street, New York City, appeared on an American Labor Party Nominating Petition for CLIFFORD T. McAVOY, candidate for President of the City Council in 1951.

**C. Subject's Activity in Connection
with the George Washington Carver School**

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 11, 1953 T-4 advised that the subject in the early 1940's became the head of the Carver School in Harlem at the time when the Communist Party was establishing similar schools all over America. The informant stated that it was the subject's duty to direct the school, build up a large student body that would also aid in raising funds for its existence, and to interest as many leading people in Harlem as possible to become members of the sponsoring committee.

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On November 23, 1953 T-4 further advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT remained the head of the Carver School until sometime in 1946, at which time she became desperately despondent, according to the informant, and was mixed up in great financial difficulties. The Party, according to the informant, relieved the subject of her job as director of the school because of these difficulties.

D. Subject's Activity in Connection with the
National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26 and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), page 2.

On January 17, 1953 T-7 advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was one of the panel speakers at a conference on equal rights for Negroes in the Arts, Sciences and Professions sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held on November 10, 1951.

E. Subject's Activities in Connection with
the American Women for Peace

The American Women for Peace has been cited as "an advance wave to establish a beachhead for other left-wing organizations scheduled to descend on Washington in observance of a Communist-declared "peace week" by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date April 1, 1951, page 75.

On August 9, 1951 T-8 furnished information that indicated the subject was a New York contact of the American Women for Peace.

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**F. Subject's Activity in Connection with
the International Workers Order**

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 17, 1950 T-2 furnished information that indicated GWENDOLYN BENNETT, born 1901, was a member of International Workers Order Lodge 691 as of March 1950.

On April 6, 1951 T-2 advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, educator and artist, addressed a meeting of International Workers Order Lodge 500 on Friday, February 9, 1951. This meeting was in honor of Negro History Week and the subject spoke of three historic uprisings for freedom from slavery by the Negro people.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 11, 1953, page 7, column 3, under the heading "Information Please Forum on Negro History" reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT would participate in a round table of questions and answers on Negro life and history to be held Thursday, February 12, 1953 at 124 West 124th Street, New York City.

T-9, T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13 and T-14, all of whom have some knowledge of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, advised that they had no information pertaining to the subject.

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T-2 [redacted]	Withholding statement for G. CROSSCUP, 2 West 120th St, NYC, for 1949	3/16/50	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-56529-90
	Greetings to BENJAMIN DAVIS 1949	11/17/49	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-23825-1a113
	General office membership list, IWO Lodge 691, dated 3/50	4/17/50	EVERETT K. DEANE	100-2936-1a645
	The "Voice of 500," a publication of Lodge 500, IWO, reflecting BENNETT's addressing Lodge 500 on 2/9/51	4/6/51	JOHN W. DOOLEY	100-2936-1a271
T-3 Pretext phone call made to home of subject on 5/7/51	Residence	5/7/51	EDWARD R. TULLY	100-56529-98
T-4 [redacted]	CP membership about 1940	11/12/53	BILLY F. ACUFF	[redacted]
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T-5 FLORENCE ANNA ENGLANDER, 144-70 Village Road, Parkway Village, Jamaica, LI	Subject self-admitted CP member and attended CP school sometime between 1937-39	9/15/53	HERBERT P. LARSON and FRANK J. NOWLAN (oral)	100-56529-112
T-6 [redacted]	Mimeographed copy of a leaflet issued by JSSS entitled "Negro History Week"	2/15/51	EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	100-80640-1064
T-7 [redacted]	Summary of conference on equal rights for Negroes in the arts, sciences and professions 11/10/51.	1/17/52	JAMES E. GIBLER	100-93553-733
T-8 [redacted]	List of NY contacts copied by informant from files of AWP at its office, 1186 Broadway, on 8/7/51	8/9/51	JOSEPH P. McCANN	100-98781-379
T-9 [redacted]	Negative	12/11/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON (oral)	Instant report
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Gwendolyn Bennett

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Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup, Mrs Alfred Jackson
Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale

ADDRESS

2 W 120th St

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

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TO SAC NEW YORK

May 3, 1954

FROM SA JOHN W. SCANNELL

GWENDOLYN BENNETT

SECURITY MATTER - C

(N.Y. FILE 100-56529)

Serial 120 of this file reflects on page 2 that

According to Confidential Informant T-4, the subject

was a member of the Communist Party during and

prior to 1940.

It is requested that the subject's name be

added to the Communist Index of this office.



C. E. Prepared

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100-56529-122

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT

This Office File 100-56529
Bufile 100-293468

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: Consumers Union of U.S., Inc
Mailing and subscription department
Address: 4th floor, 38 East 1st Street
New York, New York, known there as Mrs. CROSSCUP
Residence: 2 West 120th Street
New York, New York
Remarks: Man. #24 Photo

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Employment: **SAME**

Address: **SAME**

Verified By: **SA JOHN W. SCANNELL**

Method of Verification: *Protest telephone call to subject's place of employment Consumers Union of U.S. INC 38 East 1st St NYC TEL OR 3-1700*

Date: **4/26/54**

Residence: **SAME**

Verified By: **SA JOHN W. SCANNELL**

Security Index Verification

Assigned to: **Scannell**

Date: **MAR 24 1954**

Method of Verification: *Protest telephone call to subject at her home 2 West 120th St NYC TEL LE 4-4350*

Date: **4/15/54**

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : JOHN T. MURPHY, SA

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
2 West 120 Street

DATE: JUN 8 1954

On 4/17/54 an anonymous source advised that the above name, address and/or telephone number was contained in the records located on the 9th floor of 832 Broadway, New York City, occupied by New Century Publishers, "Political Affairs" and "Masses and Mainstream".

The significance of this information is not known and may cover a considerable period of time. It may not be in use or pertinent at the present time and is being set forth for information.

New Century Publishers has been identified by JOHN LAUTNER, former CP functionary, as being the pamphlet publishing house of the CP, USA. He also advised that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, while "Masses and Mainstream" is the cultural organ.

See 100-10989-1A 242

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NY

DATE: 9/8/54

FROM: WILLIAM M. MATTINGLY, SA (100-56529) (7-5)

SUBJECT: Mrs. Guendolyn Crosscup nee Bennett
SM-C

On 8-31-54, [redacted] of known reliability, furnished SA [redacted] and SA WILLIAM M. MATTINGLY information concerning the above captioned individual who has consulted [redacted]

[redacted] former "Daily Worker" reporter, advised that Aaron was introduced as a known communist at the NYS CPA convention held on 6/10/44, at Manhattan Center, 34th and 8th Ave., NYC. An anonymous source advised on 4/7/44, that [redacted]

This source is able to furnish information concerning the physical ailment, general physical condition and/or reason for the captioned subject consulting [redacted]

It should be noted that the length of time this source is able to furnish info may be limited, therefore any requests should be submitted promptly.

Info furnished on initial contact with the source concerning captioned subject is as follows:

resides 2 W 20 St NYC

This information is located in [redacted]

IN THE EVENT THIS INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU, IT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: GWENDOLYN BENNETT

OR-3-1700

THIS OFFICE FILE: 100-56529

Bufile: 100-293468

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: Consumers Union of US, Inc., Mailing and Subscription Dept.

Address: 4th Fl., 38 E. 1st St., NYC (known as Mrs. Crosscup)

Residence: 2 W. 120th St., NYC

Remarks: Man. #24.

Photo

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Employment: *CONSUMERS UNION OF*

US, Inc

Address: *256 Washington St, New York, NY*

Verified By: *MO. 4-6400 (telephone)*

Method of Verification: *SA. Robert G. Sweeney*

Pretext telephone call to subject's place

Date: *of employment*

4-18-55 **NOTED**

Residence: *Same*

Verified By: *SA. Robert G. Sweeney* **SI UNIT** **DATE 7-3-55**

Method of Verification: *Interview of Mr. Smith* **100-56529-127** **1955**

Date: *Supt of Bldg.*

3-21-55

The Security Index Card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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Security Index Verification

Assigned to: *Sweeney*

Date: *NOV 26 1954*

Director, FBI (100-293468)

4/26/55

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GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
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— It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X — The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Consumers Union of U.S., Inc.

256 Washington Street, New York, N.Y.

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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TRANSMIT *New York* **OFFICE**
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293468)

DATE: 4/26/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56529)

Corrected Security Index cards
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Consumers Union of U.S., Inc.

256 Washington Street, New York, N.Y.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-32826) (#12-15)
FROM : JOSEPH J. MacFARLANE, SA (#7-4)
SUBJECT: SOL AUERBACH
SM-C

DATE: 6/2/55

The above captioned subject plus the subjects of case files for which copies of this memo have been designated, were identified by [redacted]. The identification was made on the basis of [redacted], as observed by [redacted]. The specific period of time when each was a patient is unknown but the records cover the period 1945-1955.

It is noted that this info has been previously disseminated to the aforementioned files with the dates the info was furnished by [redacted] and the name of the SA to whom furnished set forth.

In view of [redacted] it is recommended that initial efforts to obtain information be made through [redacted] who is in a position to have access to [redacted]

- 1 - [redacted]
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- 1 - NY 100-82152 (YETTA ANSHEIM) (12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-80532 (HERBERT APTHAKER) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-114087 (ROSE ARNOLD) (12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-88365 (EVELYN ATLAS) (12-13)
- 1 - NY 100-15705 (ISRAEL ATER) (7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-52925 (PETER ABBONDI) (12-13)
- 1 - NY 100-89033 (ERNEST ALLEN) (7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-70497 (JOS. M. BEINSTEIN) (6)
- 1 - NY 100-57831 (SAMUEL BEINSTEIN) (12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-45388 (LEON W. BERNES) (12-9)
- 1 - NY 100-25864 (EDWARD BENDER) (12-13)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

United States Government

TO : SAC, New York DATE: 6/16/55

FROM : DAMON W. PITCHER, SA (100-56529)

SUBJECT: Gwendolyn Crosscup

SM - C

On 6/22/54, [redacted] furnished SA DAMON W. PITCHER a membership list of the International Workers Order (IWO) current as of late 1953. This list is maintained in 100-2936-1A1492 P. 1810 where it is sequenced by lodge number. Information in that list relating to subject was noted as follows:

Name	Same as title
Address	<u>2 W. 120th St., N.Y. 27, N.Y.</u>
Lodge No.	<u>691B</u>
Certificate No.	<u>378551</u>
Year of Birth	<u>1902</u>
Date Joined	<u>1/47</u>

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GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was
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Reference

SAC Letter 55-30, April 12, 1955.

Succinct Resume of Case

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised prior to 8/22/44 that he had seen the subject in Party headquarters from time to time and that she was definitely a member of the CP. [redacted] advised further that subject in 1939 attended a Communist School near Kingston, NY, operated by an official of the State Committee of the CP in 1943. This school was a gathering place for intellectuals of the CP, according to [redacted] (Admissable) Serial-21 - p.2.

[redacted] advised prior to 8/22/44 that subject's activities at that time consisted solely in directing the affairs of the George Washington Carver School of which subject is director. (cited by HCUA) (admissable)

A review of the 1944 catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science indicates that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was an instructor in "Art, History and Appreciation". (cited by AG) (admissable)

[redacted], who furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 2/21/47 that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a member of the National Cultural Commission of the CP. (Serial 84, p.2) (inadmissable)

In October, 1948, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had heard from reliable sources that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, former director of the George Washington Carver School, was suffering from a nervous breakdown; was somewhat mentally unbalanced; and that she was no longer connected with any activities of the CP. (inadmissable)

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NY 100-56529

[redacted] who has reported reliable information in the past, advised on October 14, 1947 that subject was "through with the Communist Party" and was only interested in her own affairs as a wife and her duties as a housewife. (admissable)

The Jefferson School of Social Science for the winter term 1950, reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was instructing a course entitled "How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation" on Wednesdays from 8:15 to 9:45.

The "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper in November 22, 1950, December 6, 1951, February 8, 1952 issues reflected the subject was still active in the Jefferson School of Social Science. (admissable)

Recommendation

Delete from Security Index inasmuch as subject's activities do not come within the criteria for retention on SI as set forth in referenced SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

Detcom Tabling

1. Subject not tabbed Detcom.
2. Not applicable.
3. Subject recommended for deletion from SI.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

Director, FBI (100-293468)

DATE: OCT 6 1955

FROM

SAC, New York (100-56529)

SUBJECT:

GWENDOLYN BENNETT

SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau letter to NY, 5/4/55.

The NYO by letter dated 4/20/55 discontinued.
Confidential source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] presently resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past and has expressed a willingness to testify as a Government witness in connection with any of the information she may have furnished.

RM

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

4/12/57

~~2/15/57~~

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56529)

DATE: 12/1/56

FROM : SA Peter A. Mitterer, Jr.

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was

Captioned case file was reviewed in accordance with provisions of SAC Letter #56-56, paragraph L, and it is recommended that a Communist Index card be prepared.

To prepare the CI card, the following information is set forth:

Name and aliases: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
was GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUT
Mrs. ALFRED JACKSON

Residence (Date): GWENDOLYN BENNETT JACKSON
RUTH GALE
2 W. 120TH ST., N.Y. 27, N.Y.

Employment (Date): CONSUMERS UNION OF U.S., INC.
256 WASHINGTON ST., N.Y. N.Y.

D. O. B.: 7/8/1902 GIDDING, TEX.

Citizenship: (Native born, naturalized, alien)

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Subversive information: ON 11/11/53 [redacted] OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY, BUT WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED SUBJECT WAS CP MEMBER WHEN INFORMANT JOINED PARTY IN 1940
Interviewed (Date): [redacted] ON 2/11/47 ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMISSION.
The D.W. 2/8/52 REFLECTS SUBJECT STILL ACTIVE IN THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

INTERVIEWED 10/17/53

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TO : SAC (100 - 56529)

FROM : SA Edgar A Bergholtz (7-1)

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SM-C; SIP

DATE: 11/19/57

It is recommended that the case on captioned subject be opened and assigned for interview under SAC letter 56-34.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56529)

DATE: Jan. 21, 1958

FROM : SA JOHN W. WHALEY (7-1)

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SM-CSECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

Re memo of SA EDGAR A. BERGHOLTZ dated 11-19-57

This case was reopened on 11-21-57 for the purpose of interviewing the subject to determine her present feelings. It is to be noted that on June 30, 1953 the Bureau approved the subject's interview. She was interviewed on 10-27-53 and refused to affirm or deny any CP membership on her part. She also was evasive in her answers. The NY letter to the Bureau dated 6-4-53 which requested this interview set out among other things that the subject had suffered a nervous breakdown.

A re-evaluation of this case at this time was made and it was concluded that although it has been over 10 years since the subject allegedly suffered a nervous breakdown, no further interview should be made with her in an attempt to develop her as a confidential informant. It is requested that this case be returned to a closed status.

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the subject resides at 2 W. 120 St., NYC. The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York furnished by PAULINE DE FIORE to SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS on 1-7-58 contained no information identifiable with the subject. The records of the Manhattan Board of Elections checked on 1-15-58 by I.C. JAMES G. CLEARY reflect that the subject registered for the American Labor Party in 1950 and 1951. There was no registration for her since 1951. These records also revealed that she was born in the U.S. and was employed as a correspondent at 38 East 1st. St., NYC. It is to be noted that the subject's file reflects that the Consumers Union of U.S., Inc. is located at 38 E. 1st. St., NYC.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56529) DATE:

FROM : T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., SUPERVISOR, #12-0

SUBJECT:

Dwensolyn Bennett
SECURITY MATTER - C

This case is being reopened under the program of investigating all individuals included in the Communist Index in the NYO.

The following minimum investigative steps must be taken:

1. Review file and all pertinent references thoroughly.
2. Contact informants, sources and defected Communists who could be expected to know the subject. Contact for evidence of current activity and also for the sources' evaluation of potential dangerousness.
3. Determine residence and employment. Check against the key facilities and classified contractors lists to insure full and complete dissemination is made. Submit Form FD-128 if the subject has moved to a new field division.
4. If the subject has been a CP "drop" or ceased activity suddenly, develop information to show the reason. Many of these "drops" are purely on the basis of theoretical and intellectual differences. The convictions of the persons involved remain unchanged in their hard-core devotion to the principles of international Communism, waiting only for what they consider to be a more favorable climate within ruling Communist circles. It should also be borne in mind constantly that unexplained cessation of Communist activity by a subject may well be based upon a contemplated assignment in espionage or illegal underground activity.

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5. Consider interview or reinterview without regard to prior interview results. Bear in mind the Khrushchev revelations of terror under Stalin, anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and the Hungarian revolt.

6. Secure a current description.

These cases must be given expeditious attention since it will be our responsibility to fully handle the approximately 4232 cases on individuals included in the Communist Index.

Additional instructions relative to the handling of these cases will be immediately forthcoming. In the meantime the necessary investigative steps should be taken so that there will be no time lost in launching this program.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

11/19/68

Subject

Gwendolyn Bennett was

Aliases

Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Ruth Gale

Address

241 120 St NYC

Birth Date

7/8/02

Birthplace

Giddings, Tex

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100-19600-1B2

no such ref

"School for Democracy" 8/17/51

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56529) DATE: 1-15-59

FROM : SA William J. Fortune (425)

SUBJECT: Gwendolyn Bennett, AKA.
SECURITY MATTER - C

This case has been handled according to Bureau instructions relative to the investigation of individuals included in the Communist Index. The disposition of this case is indicated below by the number (or numbers) circled below.

1. Subject removed from Communist Index.
2. Subject placed on Security Index.
3. Subject developed into Security Informant or Potential Security Informant.
4. Espionage case opened.
5. Subject employed at key facility or by classified contractor.
6. Subject had delicate or sensitive employment or relationship which required additional dissemination in line with FBI'S over-all security responsibilities.
- ⑦. Subject retained on Communist Index.
8. Case RUC'd to another office.
9. Subject deceased.
10. Subject being developed as Security Informant, PSI, Panel Source or Confidential Source.
11. Unable to locate after extensive investigation.
12. Miscellaneous (specify, such as SGE case opened because of Federal employment)

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/15/59	Investigative Period 11/14/58 - 1/8/59
TITLE OF CASE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, aka.		Report made by WILLIAM J. FORTUNE	Typed By: hjb
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C (Communist Index)	

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Synopsis

REFERENCE

New York letter to the Director,
dated 6/3/55.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject is not being carried on the SI of the NYO and no recommendation is being made for the inclusion of her name on the SI inasmuch as her activities do not come within the present criteria. **Subject is being retained on the CI.**

A suitable photograph is available.

Subject is not being considered for an interview at this time because when interviewed in October of 1953, she reportedly stated that she was sure that she had no information that is not

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already in the possession of the FBI. It is also noted that approximately 11 years ago subject allegedly suffered a nervous breakdown.

This report has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by a highly placed confidential source, the disclosure of which would hamper future security investigations, thereby adversely affecting national security.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Number</u> <u>Where Located</u>
NY T-1, FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	100-2936-1A 1492 p. 1810

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol has been utilized in the report only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Informants mentioned as having been contacted negatively are identified as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	11/19/58	PAUL R. JOENSEN
	12/10/58	PAUL R. JOENSEN
	12/15/58	JOHN P. DI MARCHI
	12/15/58	JOHN P. DI MARCHI
	11/19/58	DAVID RYAN
	11/21/58	DAVID RYAN

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Informant

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11/24/58

11/21/58

11/21/58

Agent Contacting

DONALD W. WHITE

JOHN A. HAAG

JOHN A. HAAG

JAMES P. HALLERON

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. FORTUNE
Date: January 15, 1959

Office: New York

File Number: New York 100-56529
Bureau 100-293468

Title: GWENDOLYN BENNETT

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides 2 West 120th Street, NYC, and is employed by Consumers Union of U.S., Inc., 256 Washington, Mt. Vernon, NY. Subject reportedly was a member of the IWO as of late 1953.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On November 21, 1958, a Mr. KUHN, Personnel Department, Consumers Union of United States, Incorporated, 256 Washington, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised SA WILLIAM J. FORTUNE that the subject as GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP continues to be employed by the above, and resides at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Fronts

On June 22, 1954, NY T-1 furnished information which reflected that subject was a member of the International Workers Order as of late 1953.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted relative to the subject in November and December, 1958, and were unable to furnish any information.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained by SA WILLIAM J. FORTUNE on November 21, 1958:

Age	Approximately 50
Race	Negro
Complexion	Medium
Height	5'2"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Black

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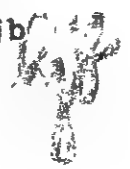
Re: Gwendolyn Bennett
Security Matter - C

With regard to the report of Special Agent William J. Fortune dated and captioned as above, the informants mentioned therein all have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56529) DATE: 6/29/60
FROM : SUPV. E.R. GRIGALUS (444)
SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT
SMC

This Reserve Index case is being reopened to conduct the following investigation:

1. Verify residence and employment.
2. Conduct an indices search and file review to determine whether investigation is warranted at this time or whether an interview with the individual is deemed desirable.
3. If additional investigation is conducted or if there is unreported information of a subversive nature contained in the files, a report must be submitted.

Designate for Section A of the Reserve Index those individuals whose subversive activities do not bring them within the Security Index criteria but who, in a time of national emergency, are in a position to influence others against the national interest or are likely to furnish material financial aid to subversive elements due to their subversive associations and ideologies.

Included in Section A will be those individuals falling within the following categories:

1. Professors, teachers and educators.
2. Labor union organizers or leaders.
3. Writers, lecturers, newsmen, entertainers and others in the mass media field.
4. Lawyers, doctors and scientists.
5. Other potentially influential persons on a local or national level.
6. Individuals who could potentially furnish material financial aid.

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Forms will be available to recommend the inclusion of the individual's name in Section A of the Reserve Index. These forms will contain a succinct summary, setting forth the basis for recommendation. If no report accompanies the recommendation, a statement to that effect should appear on the page containing the succinct summary. Investigations of individuals listed in Section A are to be brought up to date annually and they are to be considered for Security Index status or retention in the Reserve Index. Changes in residence and employment will be submitted to the Bureau.

The administrative handling of the reopening of these cases will be similar to that in the case of annual reports on SI subjects. Section B of the Reserve Index will be the names of the remaining individuals in the Reserve Index who are not in Section A.

The revised standards for inclusion of names in the Reserve Index are:

1. Membership in a basic revolutionary organization subsequent to January 1, 1949, together with some indication of sympathy or association with such an organization or a subversive front organization subsequent to the reported membership and no reliable evidence of defection.
2. Investigation has failed to substantiate allegations of membership in a revolutionary organization within the past five years, coupled with some evidence or information indicating activity, association or sympathy for the subversive cause within the same period, and no reliable evidence of defection.
3. The individual, within the past five years, by his associations, writings, financial support or conduct in relation to and support of subversive organizations or the international communist movement is in a position to influence others at the time of a national emergency and no reliable evidence of defection.
4. Leadership or substantial activities in a major subversive front group over three years ago, together with some evidence of continuing activity, association or sympathy for the subversive cause within three years and no reliable evidence of defection.
5. Membership in a subversive front organization within the past three years and no reliable evidence of defection.

In handling this case the Agent should insure that the description appearing on the Reserve Index card is correct and should complete a form NY 125. Every closing memo, letter or report should be routed to the SI Unit with NY 125 attached.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (100-56529)

DATE: 11/30/60

FROM : SA CHARLES J. GARVEY (424)

SUBJECT: Gwendolyn Bennett
SM-C

Re: Memo of Supv. E. Grigalus dated 6/27/60.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that subject be deleted from the Reserve Index.

Residence & Employment: SAME

On 11/25/60, a pretext telephone call (re life insurance) was made to subject by SA Garvey. Subject advised she still resides at 2 W. 120th St., NYC, and is still employed at Consumers Union of U.S., Inc. 256 Washington, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

In view of the fact that subject has had no known CP activity since 1947, and that it was reported in Oct. 1947 that she was "through with the CP", it is recommended that she be deleted from the Reserve Index.

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CTG: Close Case on this *rlb* *424*
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